The Children's Year

Short and Simple Songs for Very Little Children in School and at Home

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To All Who Sing With The Children, GREETING!

This little book has been prepared in response to the constantly growing desire for shorter and simpler songs to use with very little children.

To gather the essential thought of each song into such clear and compact form that it shall be quickly comprehended and easily remembered, to clothe this thought in an equally simple garment of music, and to give both words and music some artistic value, is the task which presents itself for accomplishment. Where it may seem that these ideals have not been fully attained, either in the new material or in the selections from earlier work, the kind critic is besought to recall the limitations within which the creative imagination must work in these tiny songs.

For the rest, the melodies will be found tuneful and singable, and the accompaniments not too abstruse for the ordinary player. The practical usefulness of the book for the children themselves has been a prime consideration, and songs which could only be sung *to* them have been as far as possible eliminated. It is hoped that the most urgent needs of the "Children's Year," whether at school or in the home, have been met within the small compass of this book.

In its preparation, the editor is greatly indebted to Miss Olivia B. Hazelton of Boston, whose practical experience with little children has been of the greatest value, and to other kindergartners and primary teachers whose expert help has been so generously given.

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THE CHILDREN'S YEAR

Good Morning

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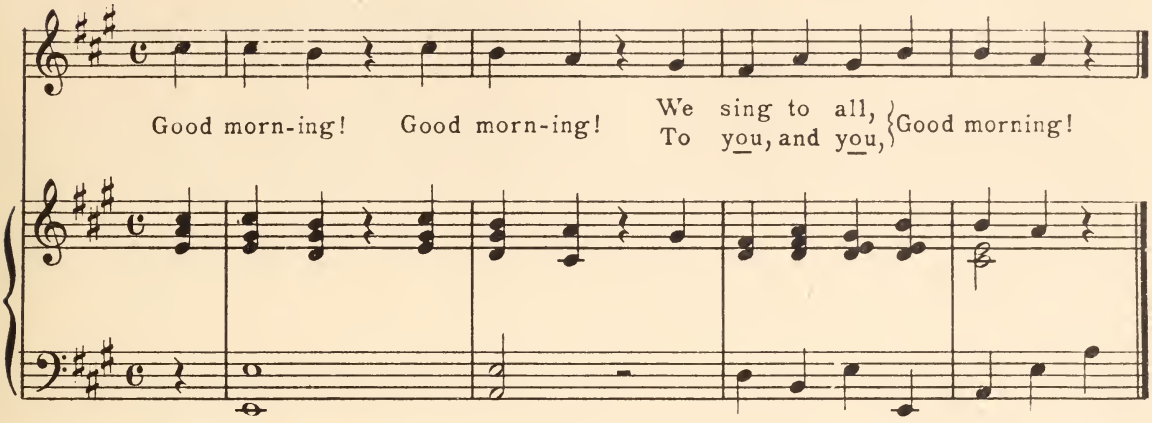

We're Glad to Say Good Morning

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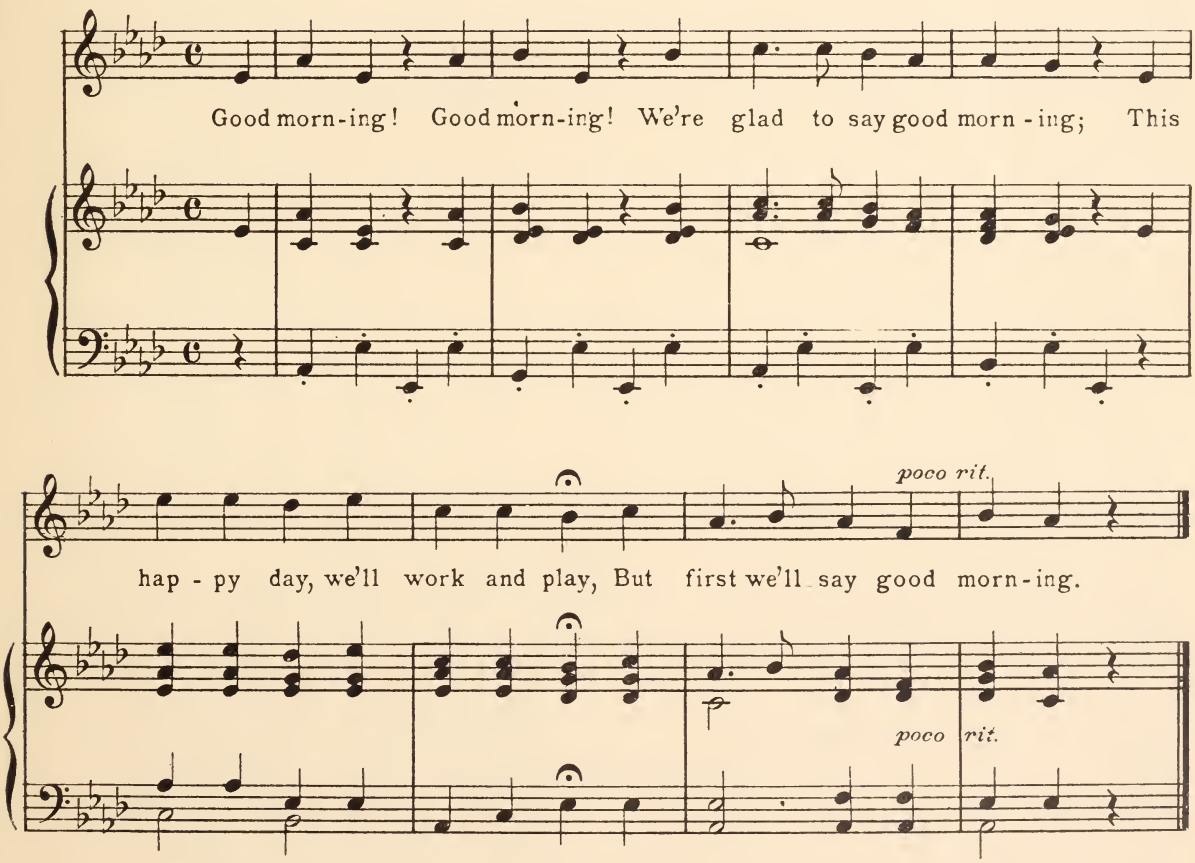

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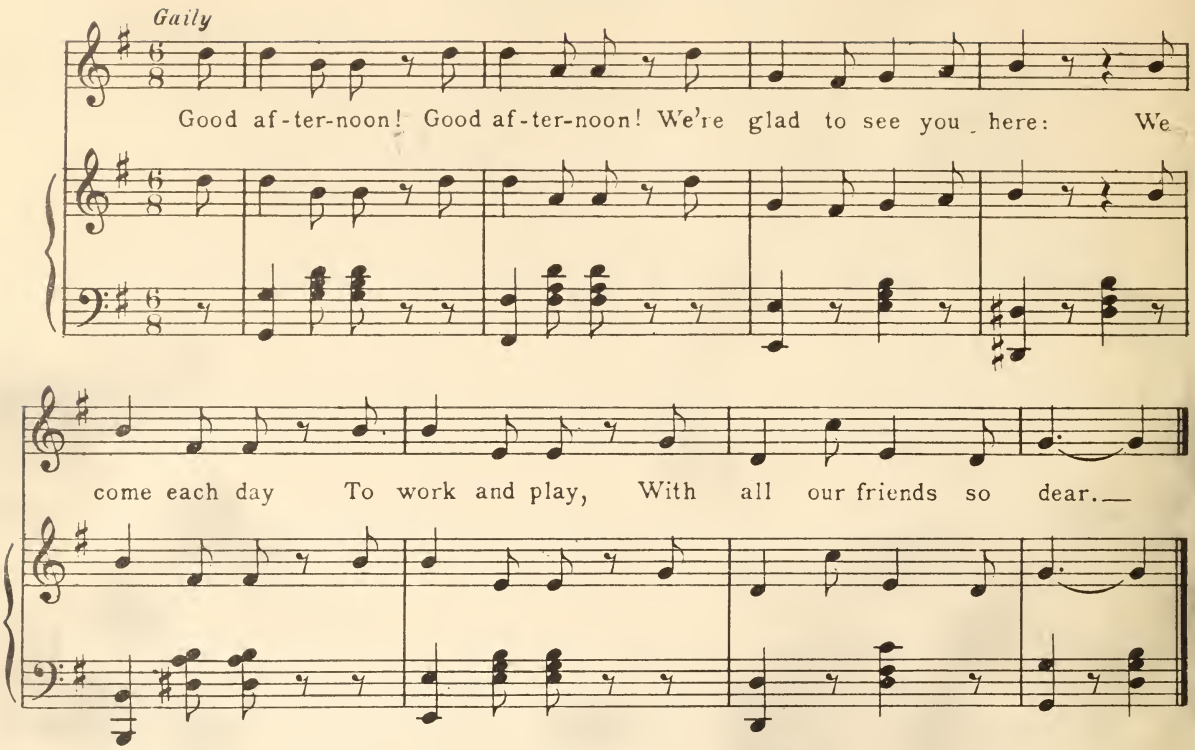

Work and Play are Over

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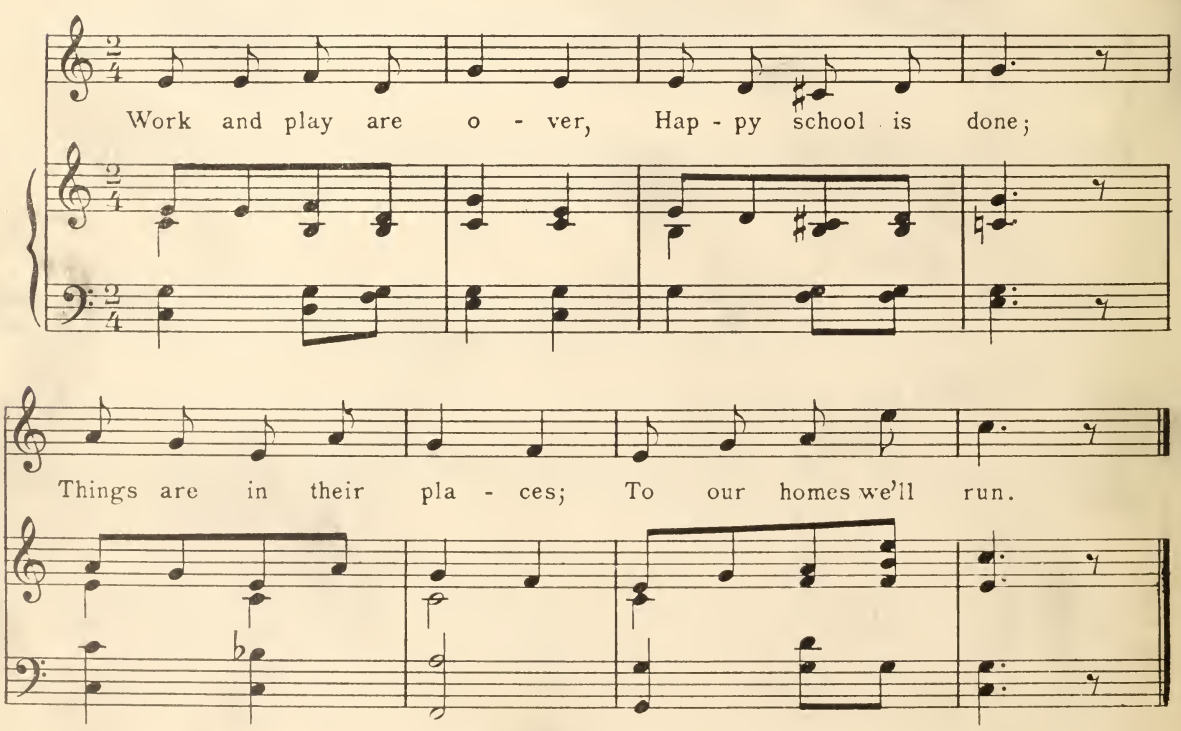

Good-Bye Song

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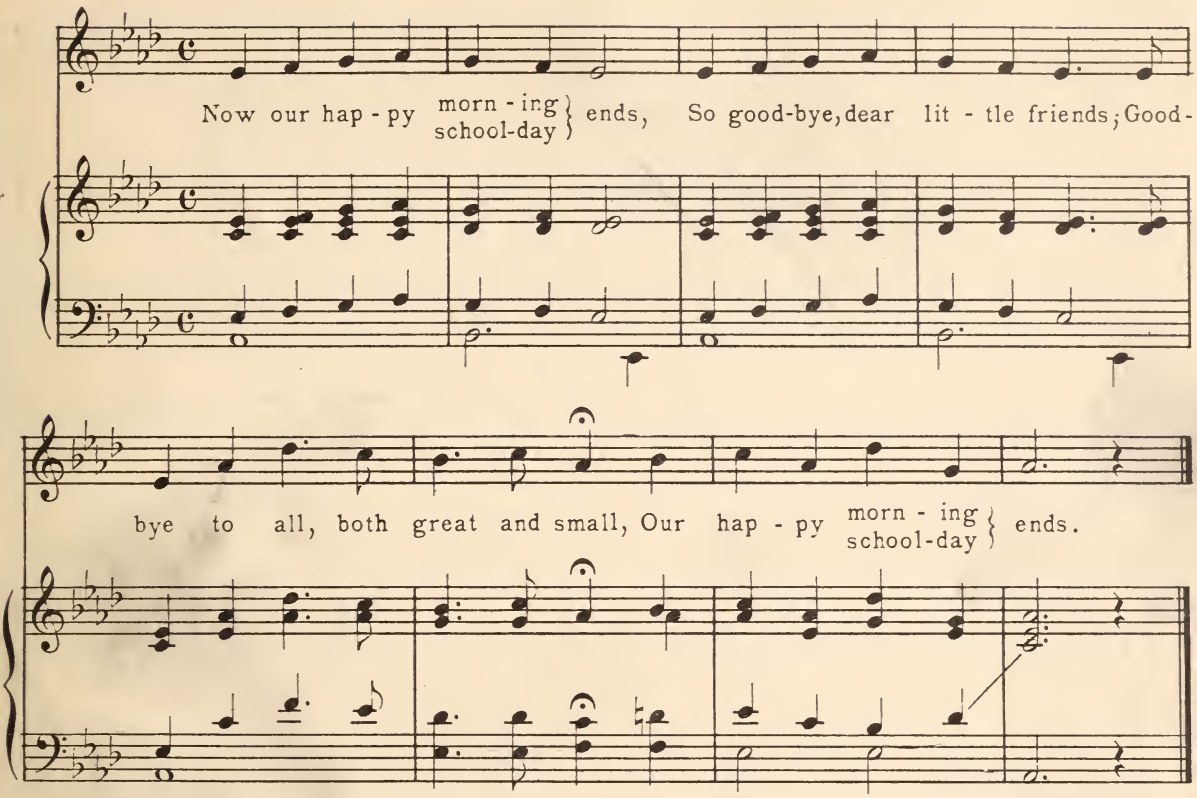

Something Happy

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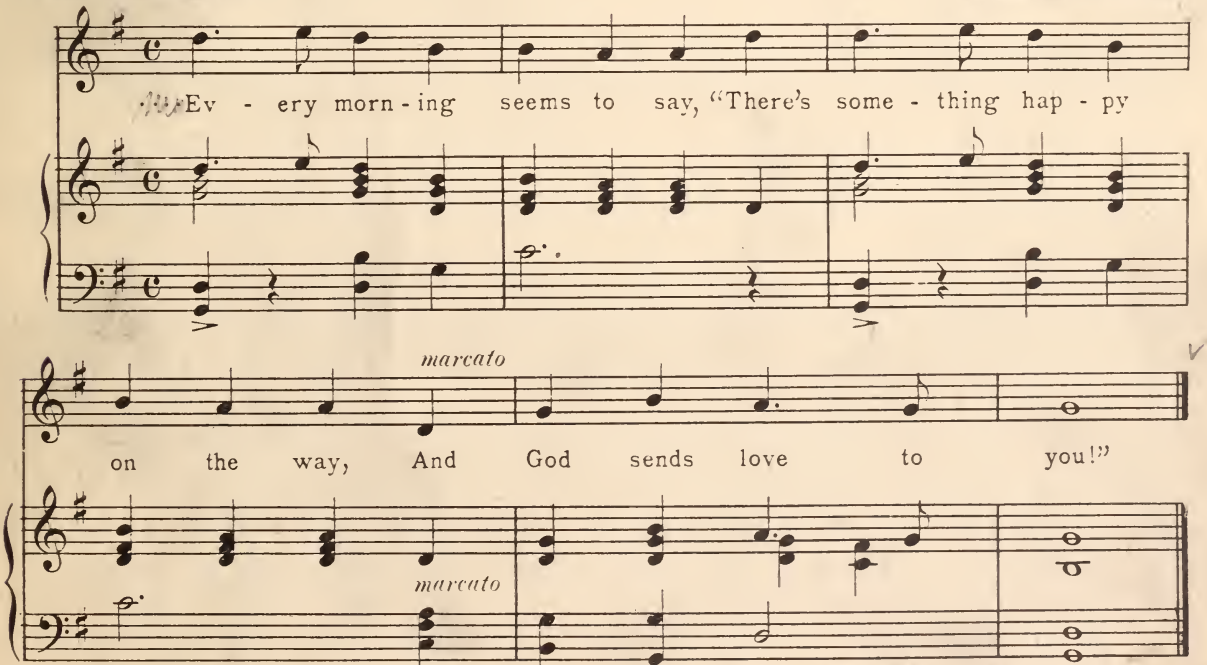
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A Wee Prayer

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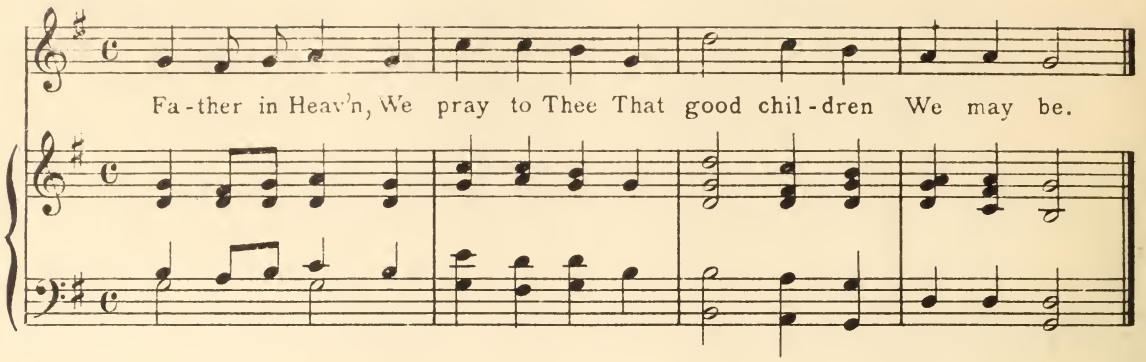

Help Us, Lord

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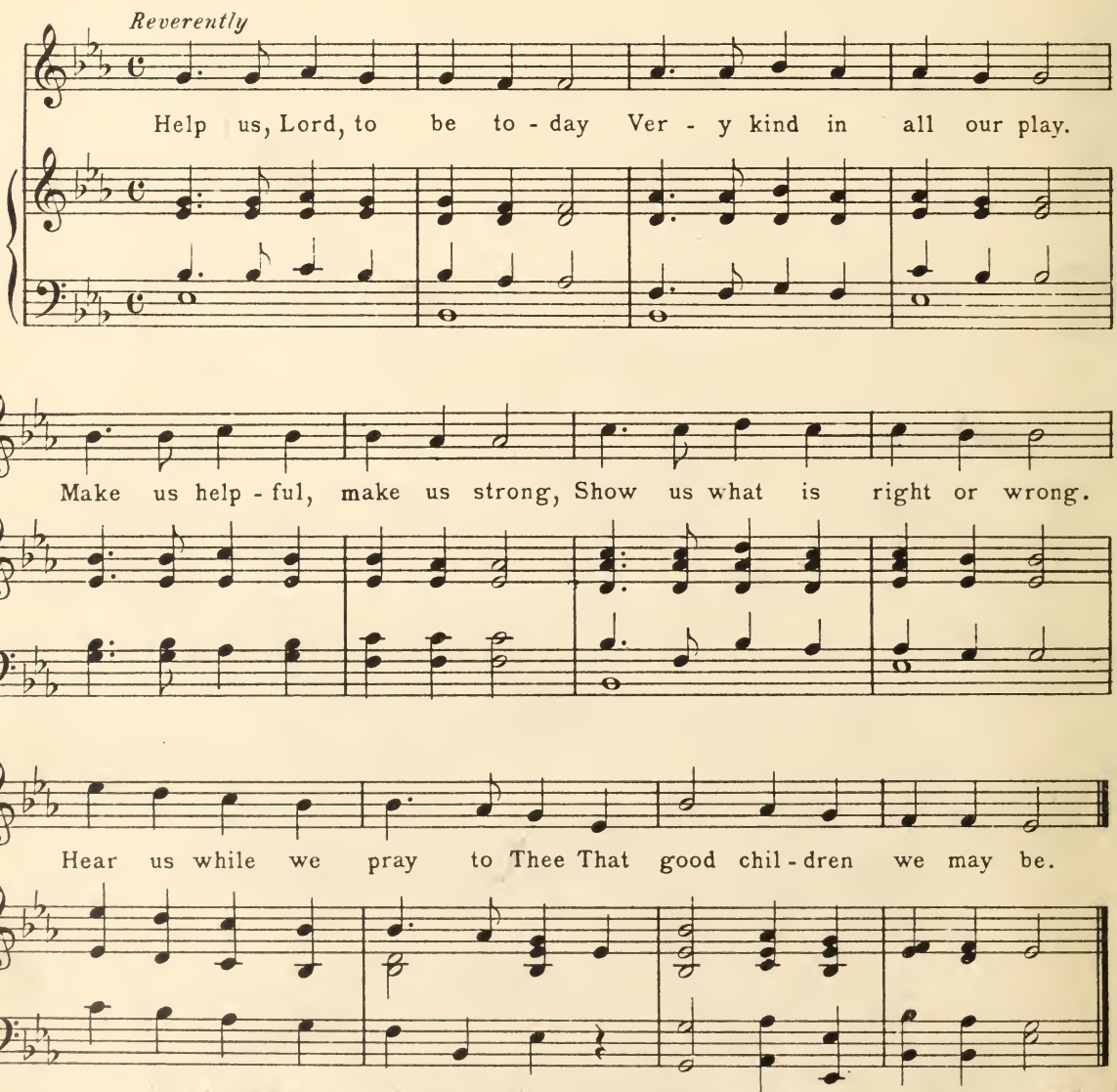

We Thank Thee for Our Happy Homes

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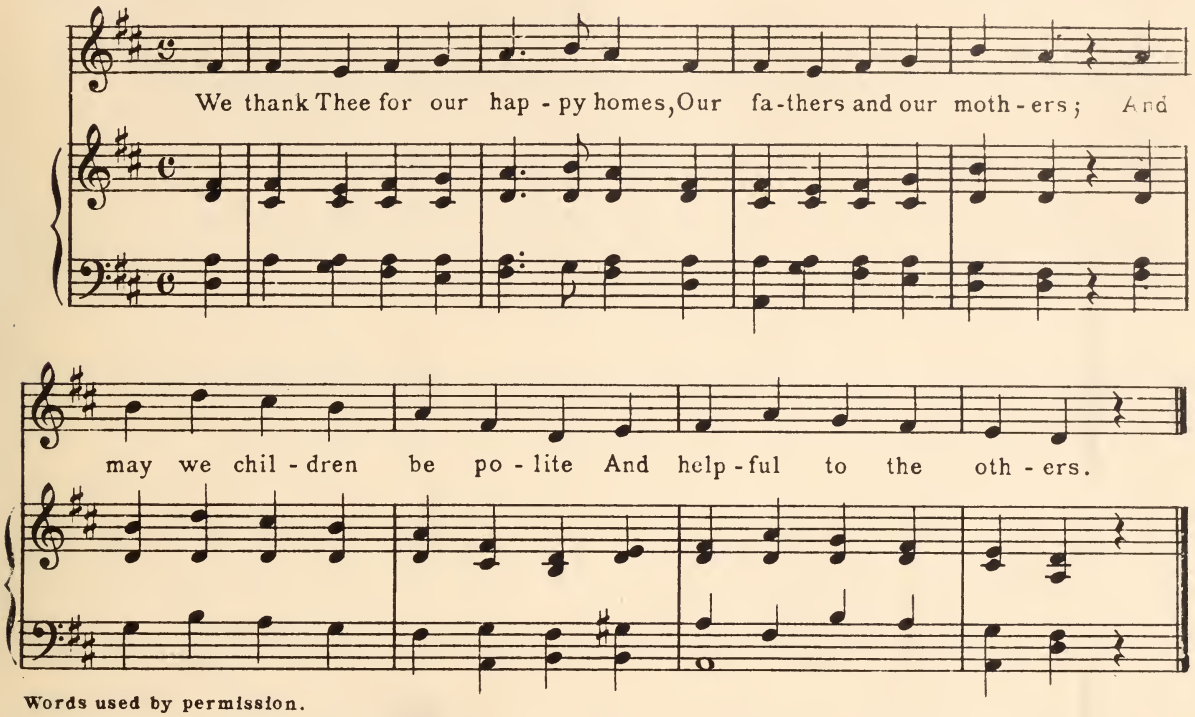

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Happy Thought

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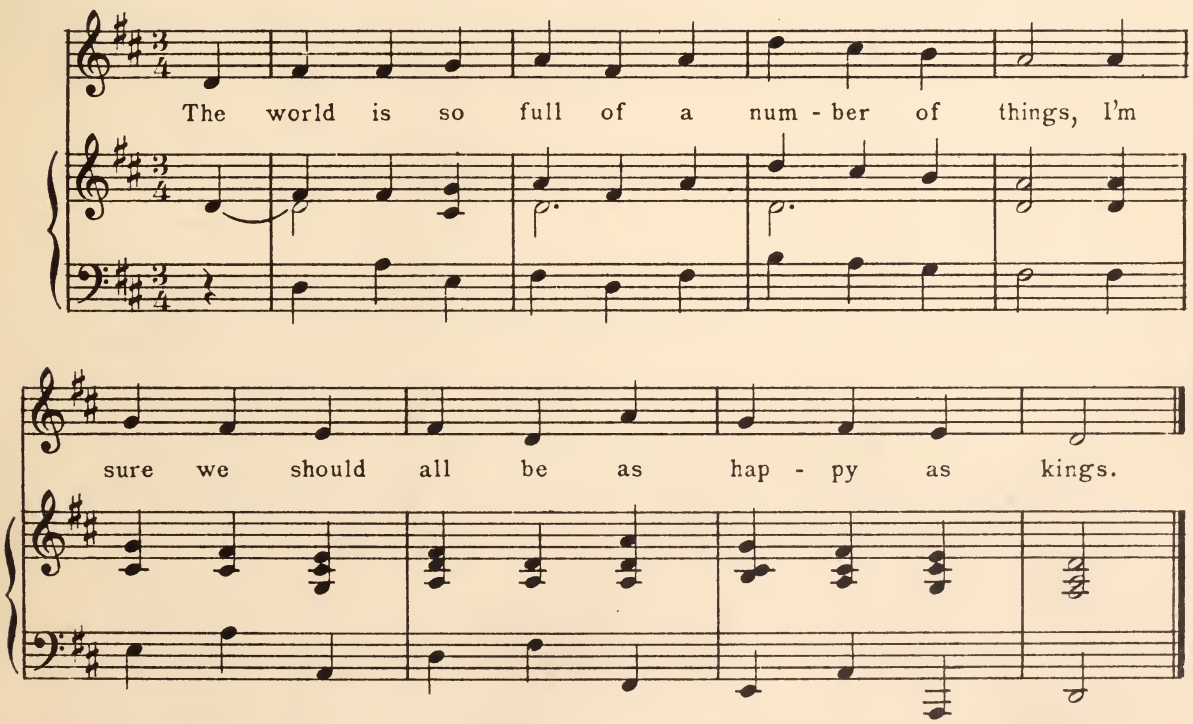
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The Children's Grace

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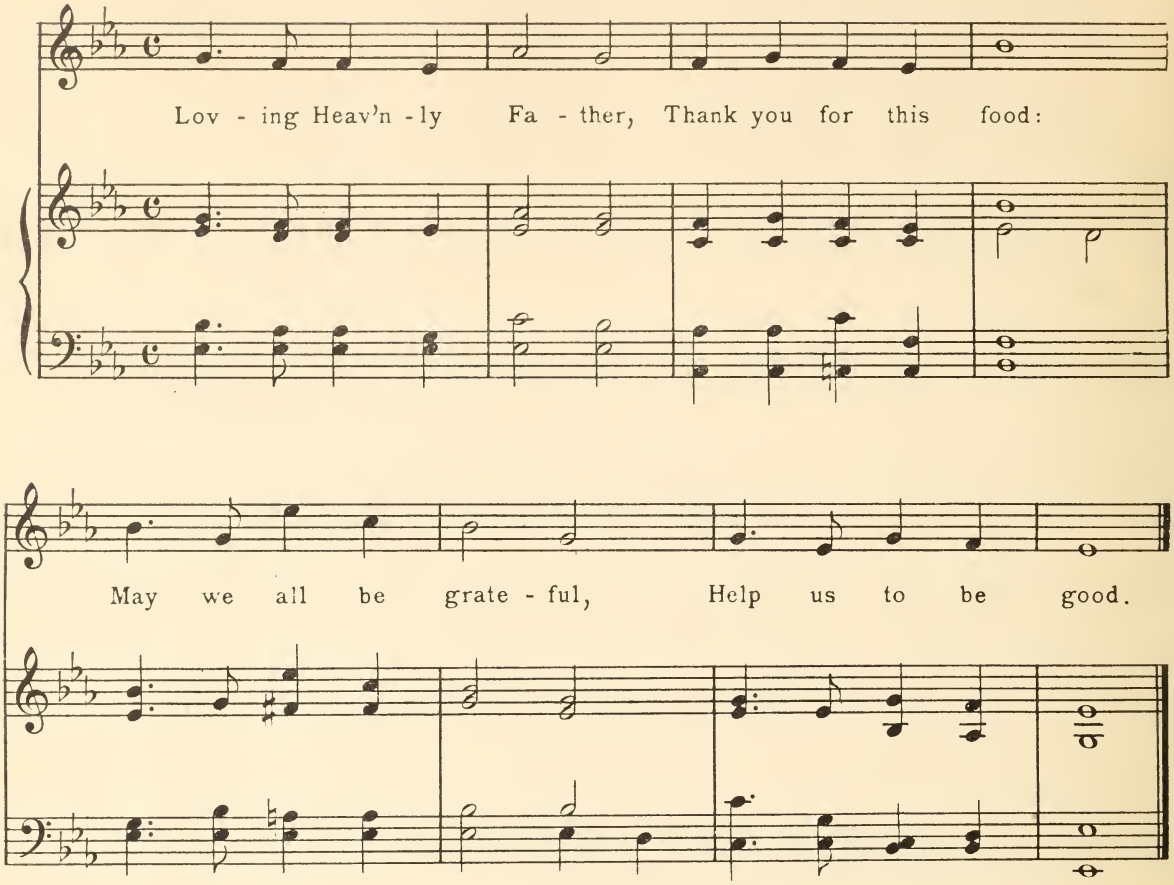
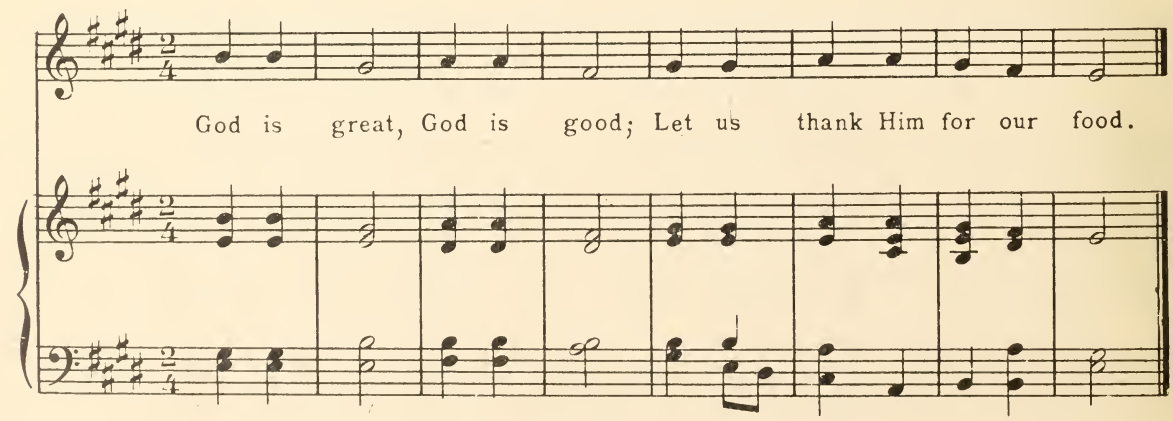

A Tiny Grace

Author unknown Melody by a Kindergarten child



What Shall We Play

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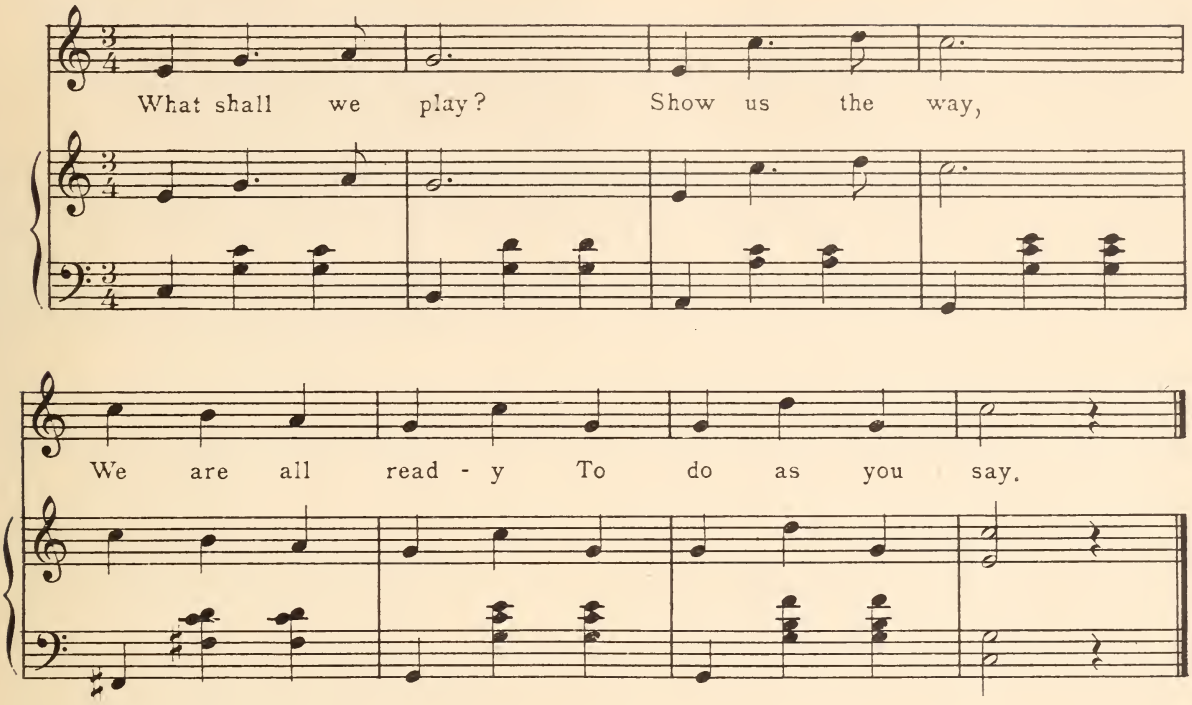
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Come, Little Playmate

(CHOOSING THE GAME)

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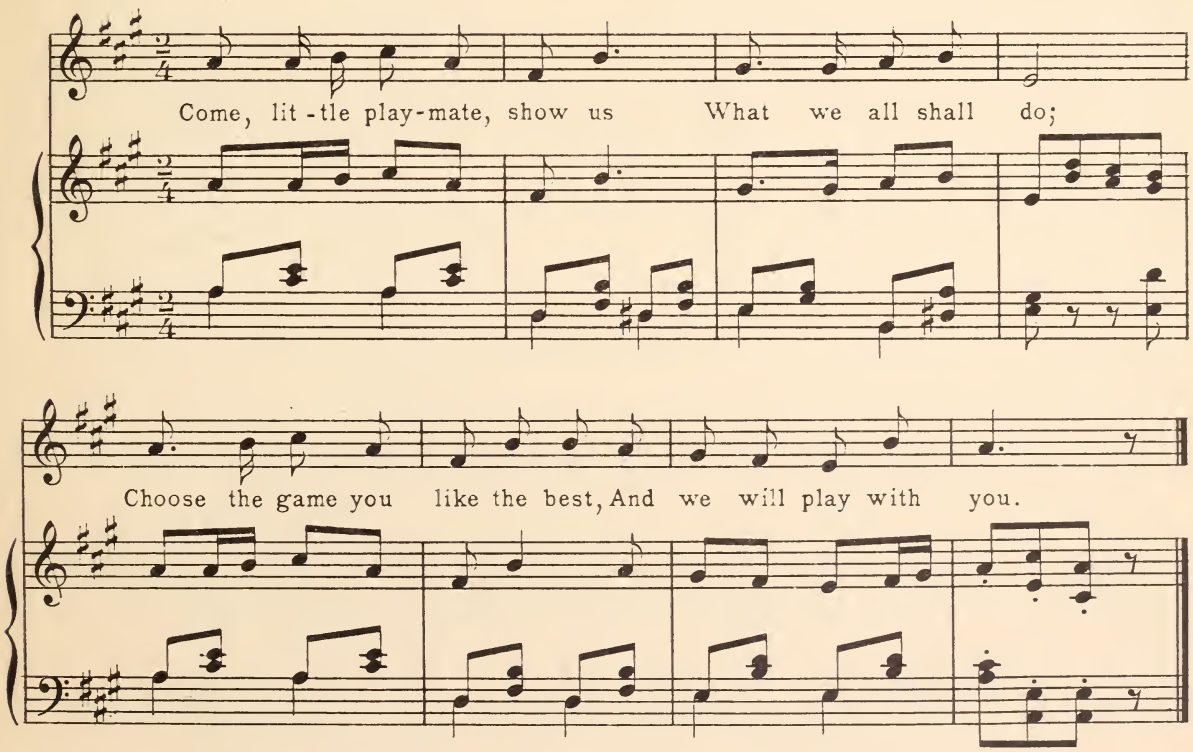
How D'you Do, My Partner?

From the Swedish

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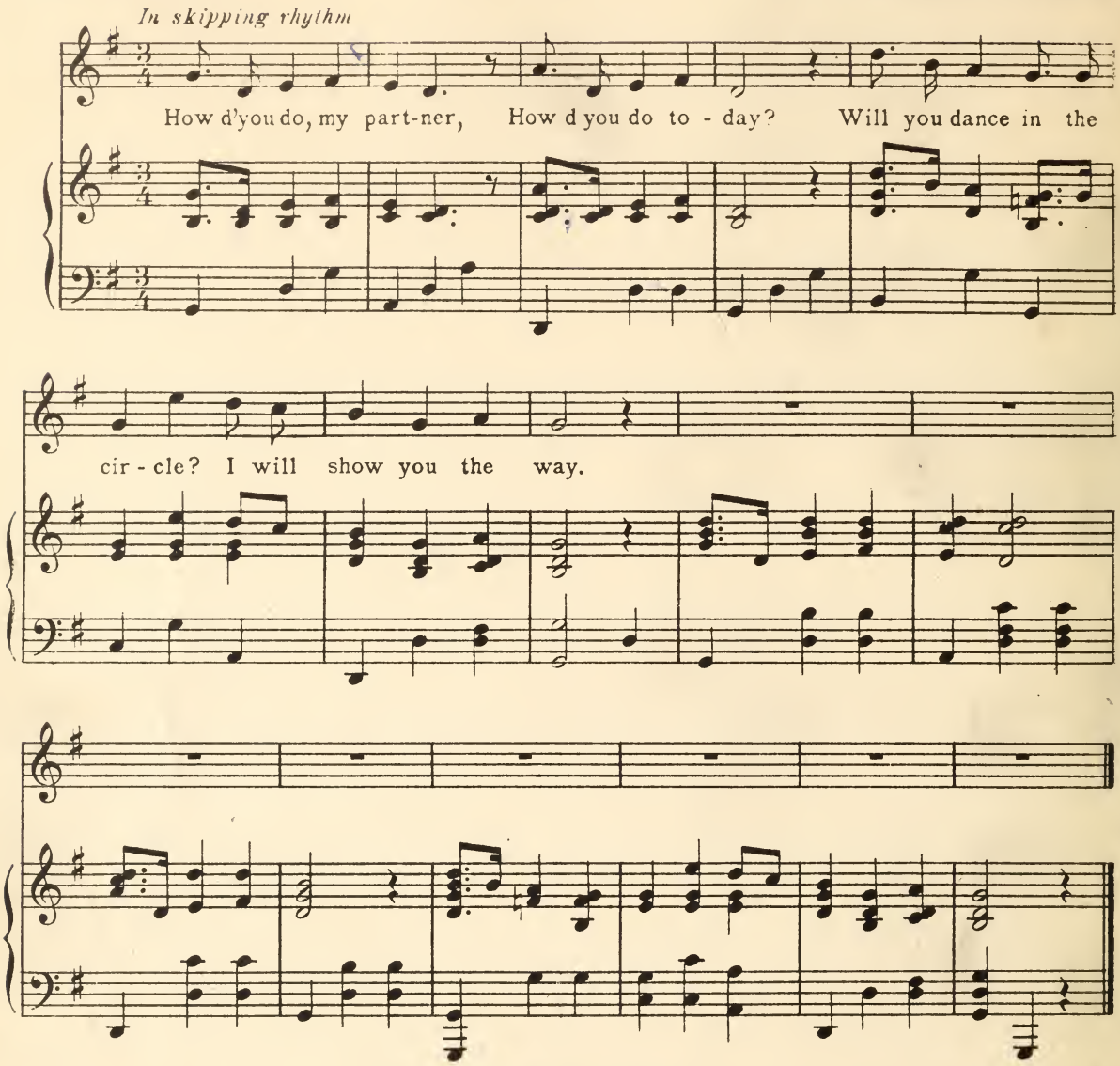
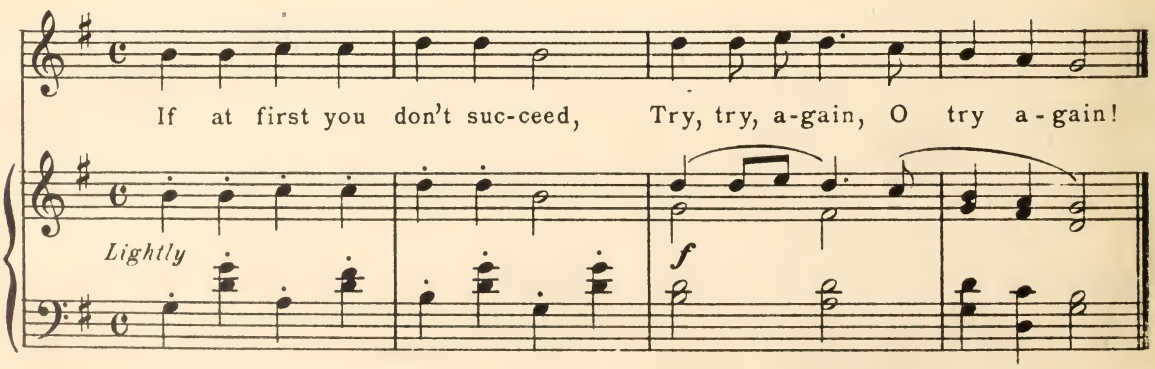


Try Again

E. HICKSON

Folk-song melody



We Form Our Ring

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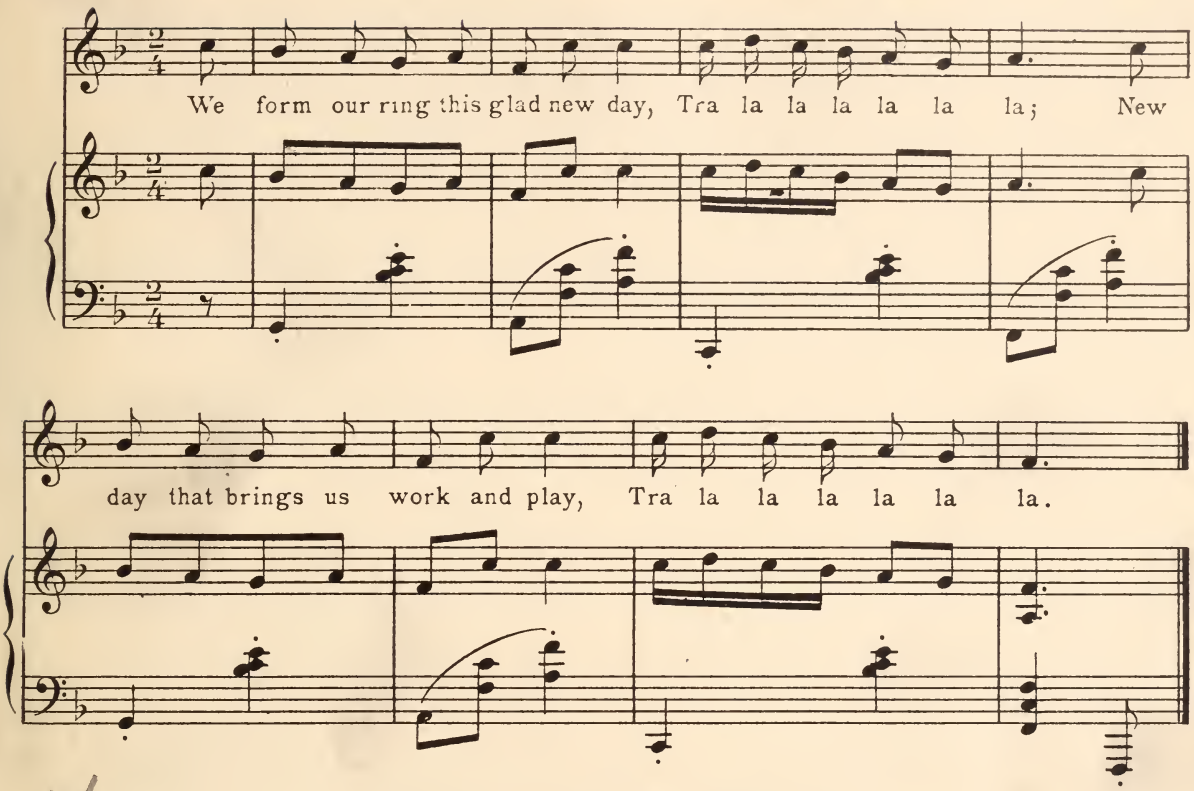
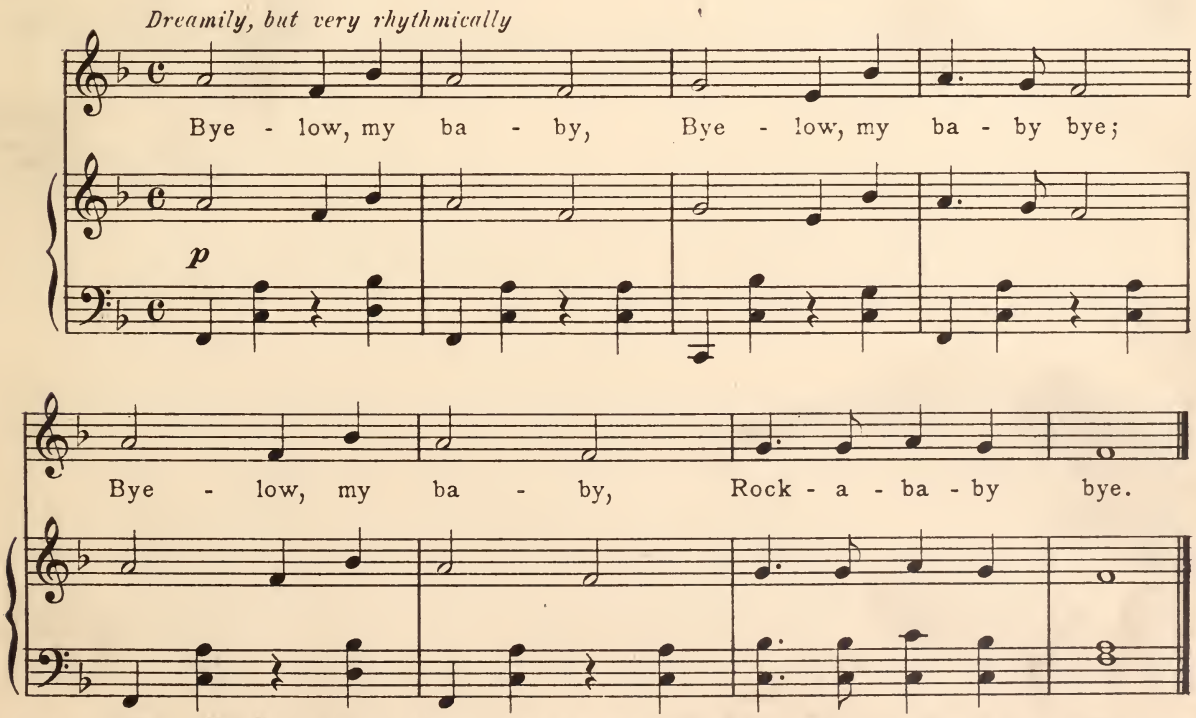

Bye-low, My Baby



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Ridity-Ride

Traditional

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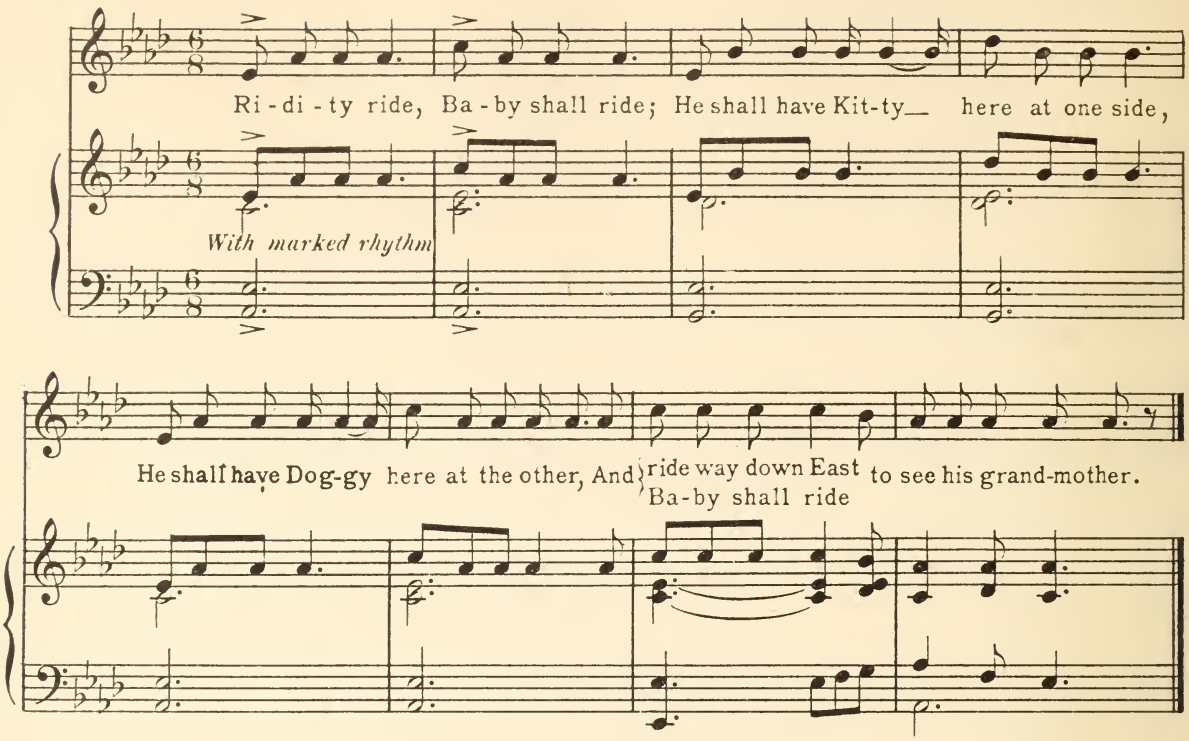
See-Saw, Margery Daw

Nursery Rhyme

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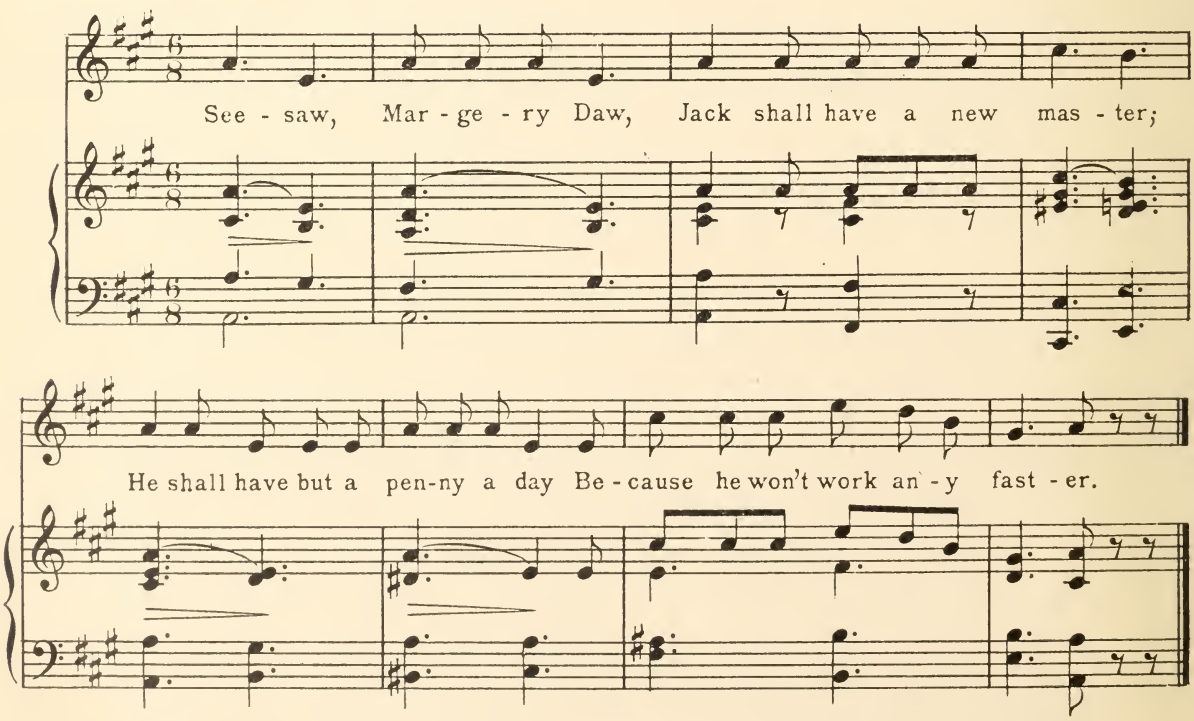

Dance to Your Daddy

Nursery Rhyme

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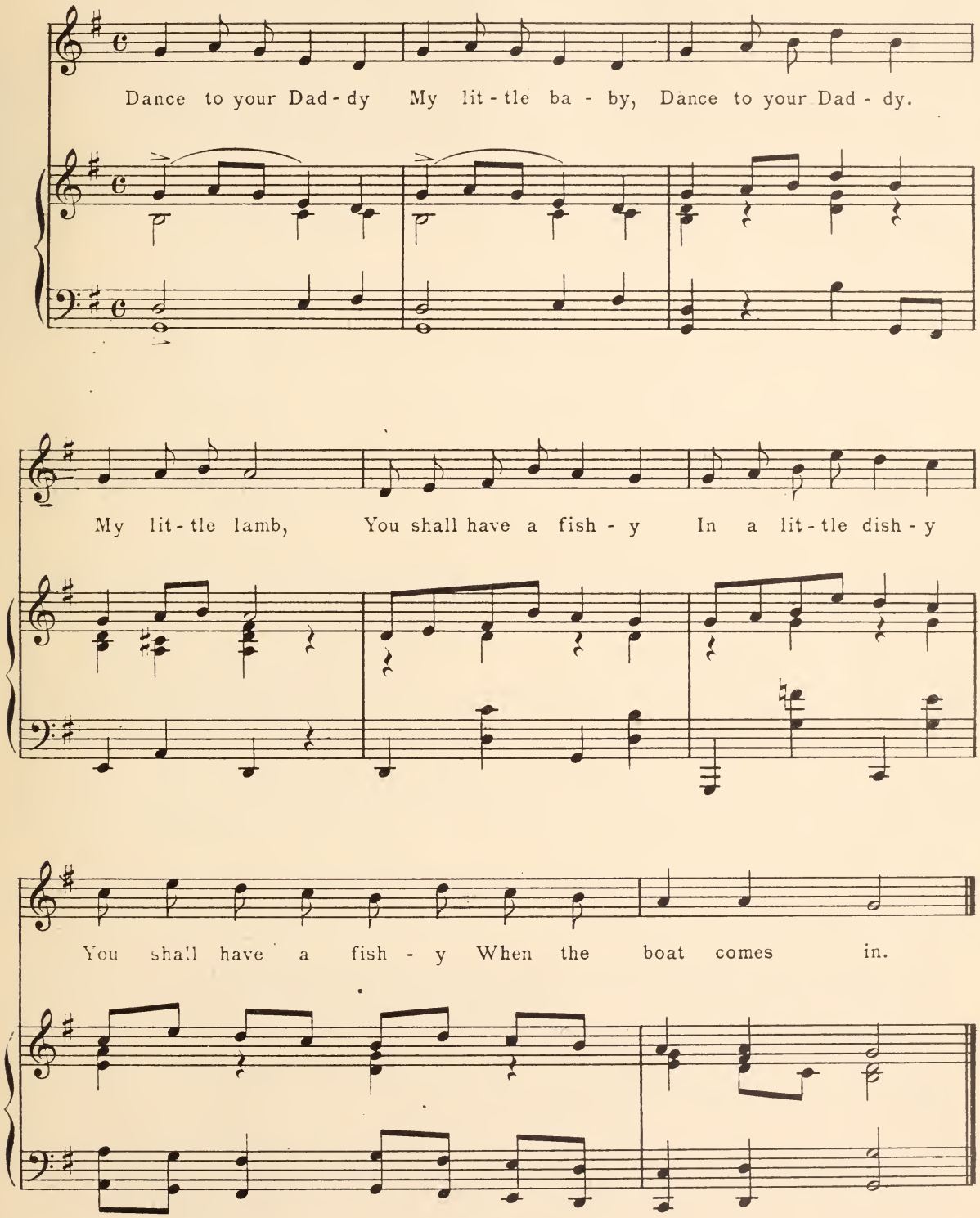

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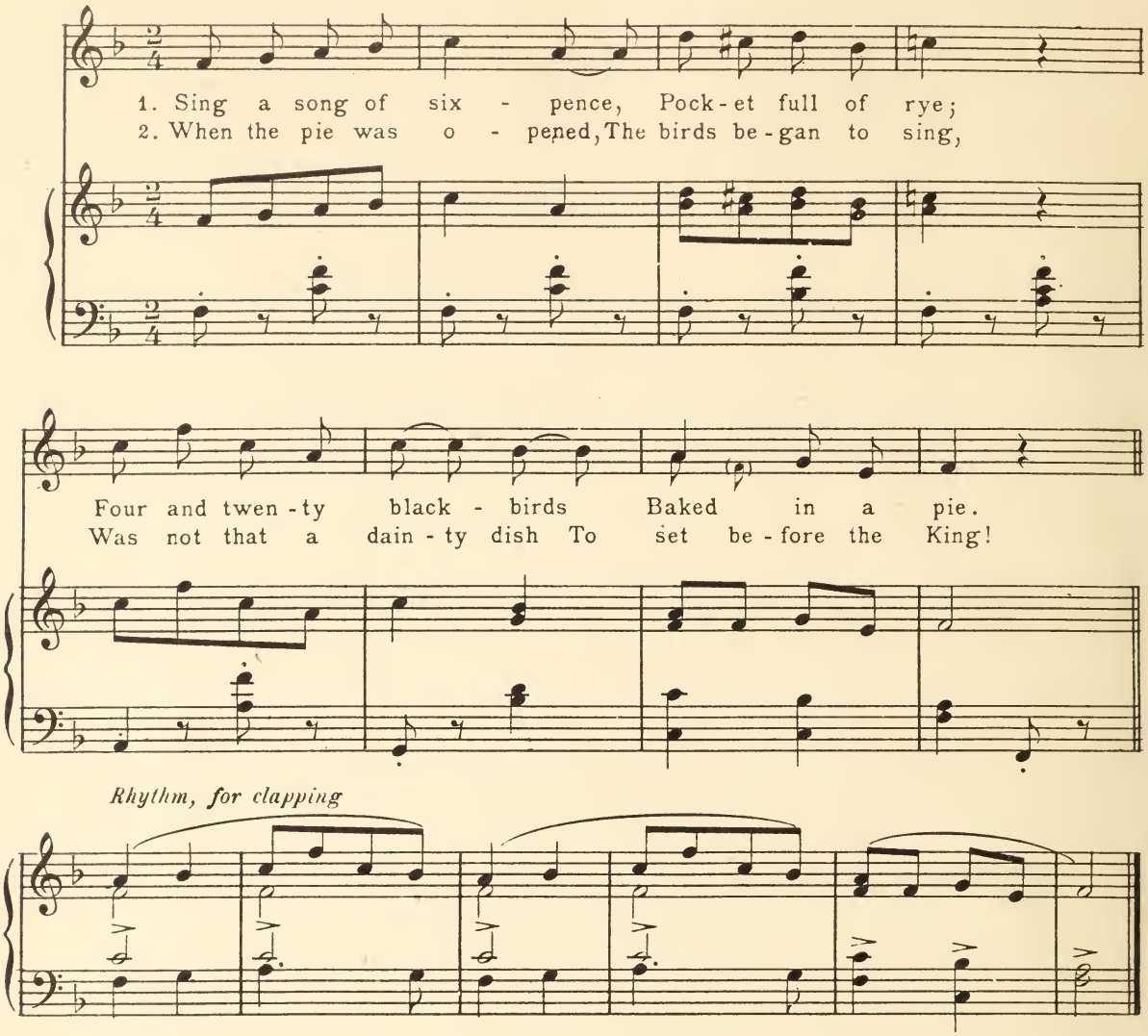
Sing a Song of Sixpence

Nursery Rhyme

Arr. from a Bohemian Folk-song



Jack and Jill

Nursery Rhyme

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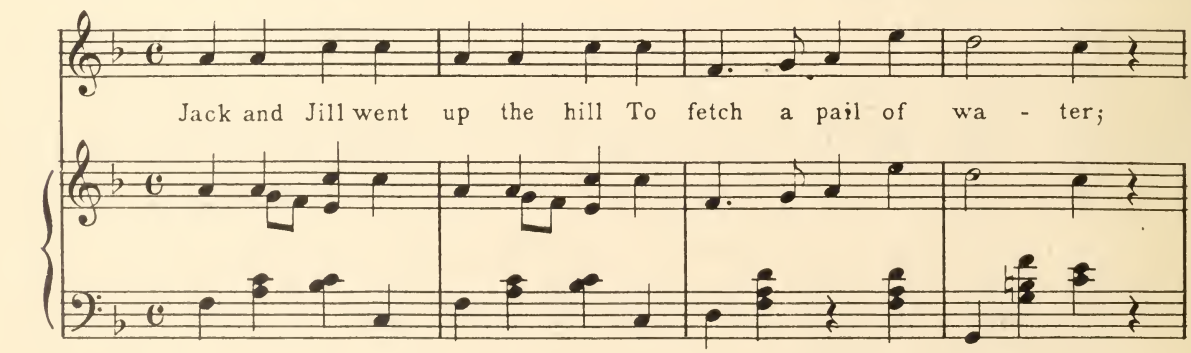
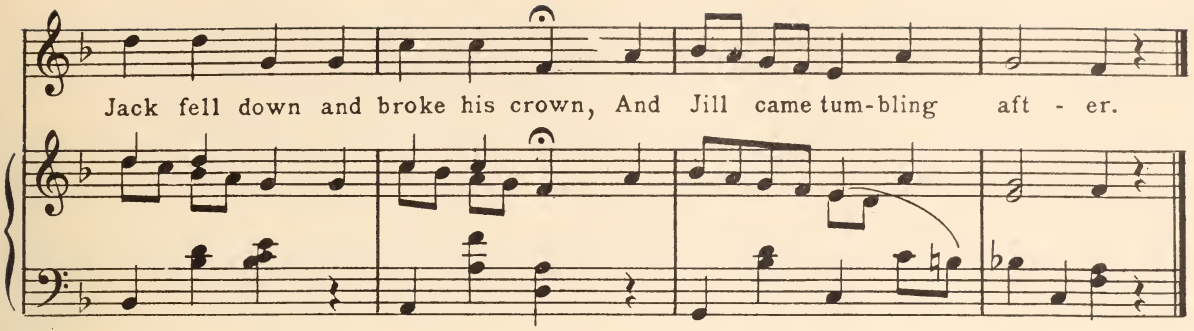

This Little Pig Went to Market

Nursery Rhyme

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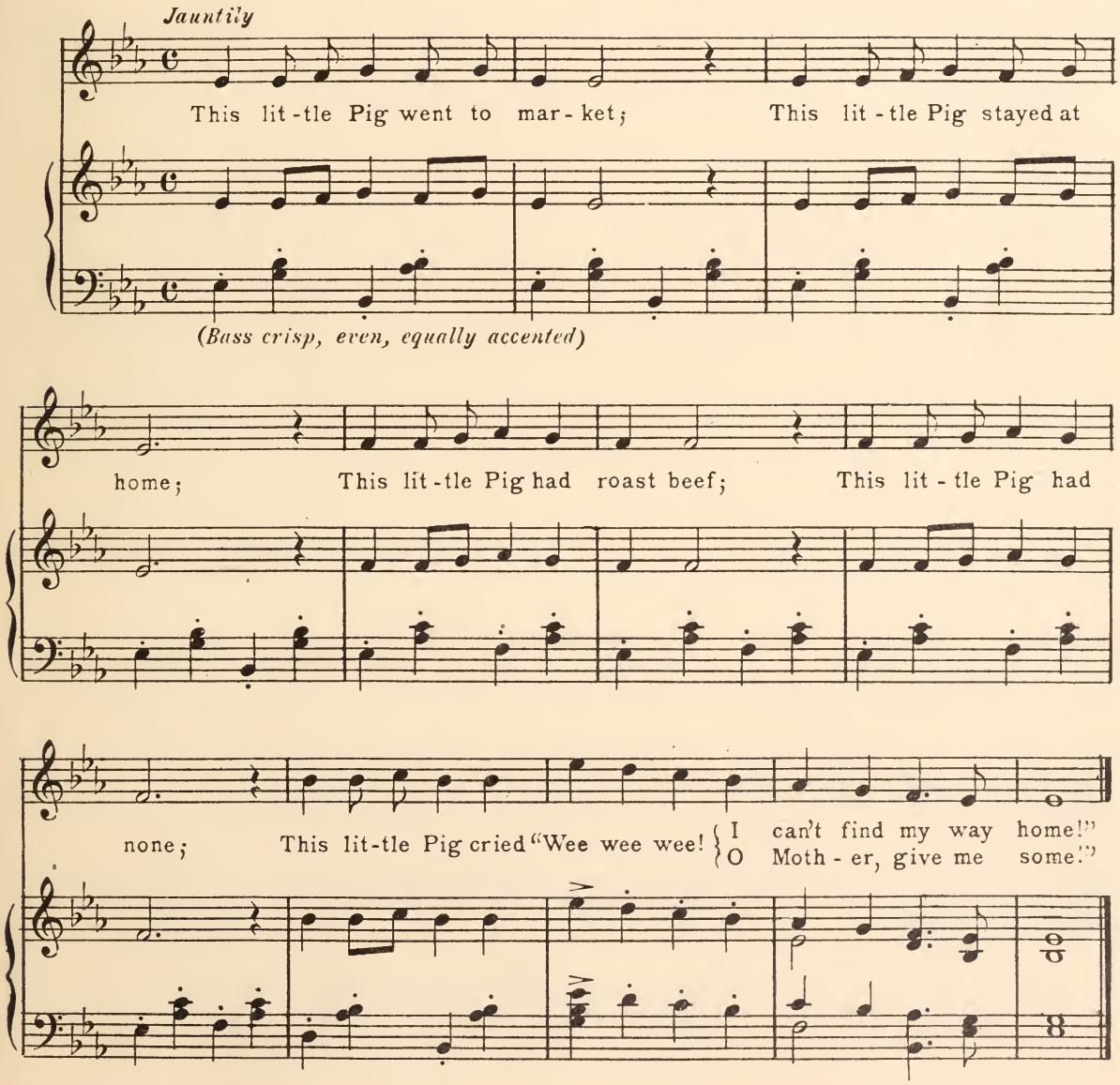
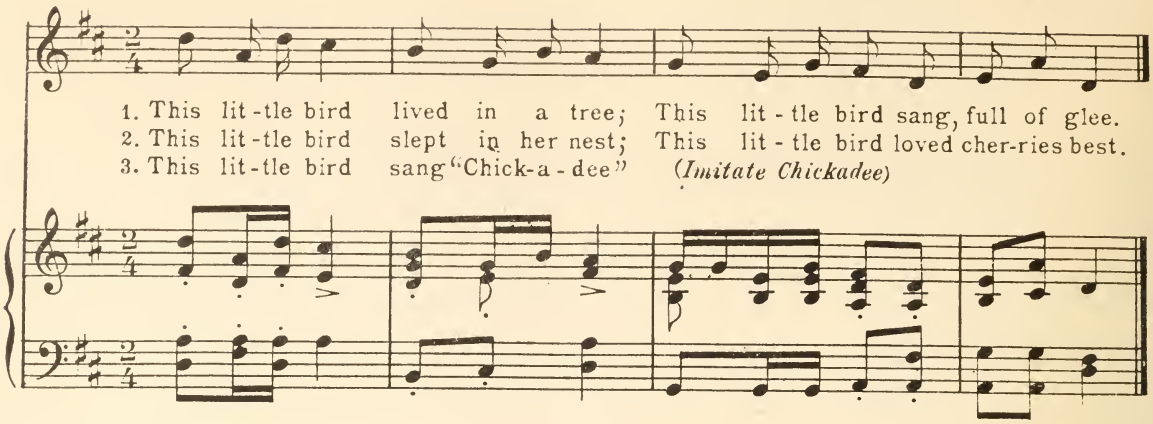


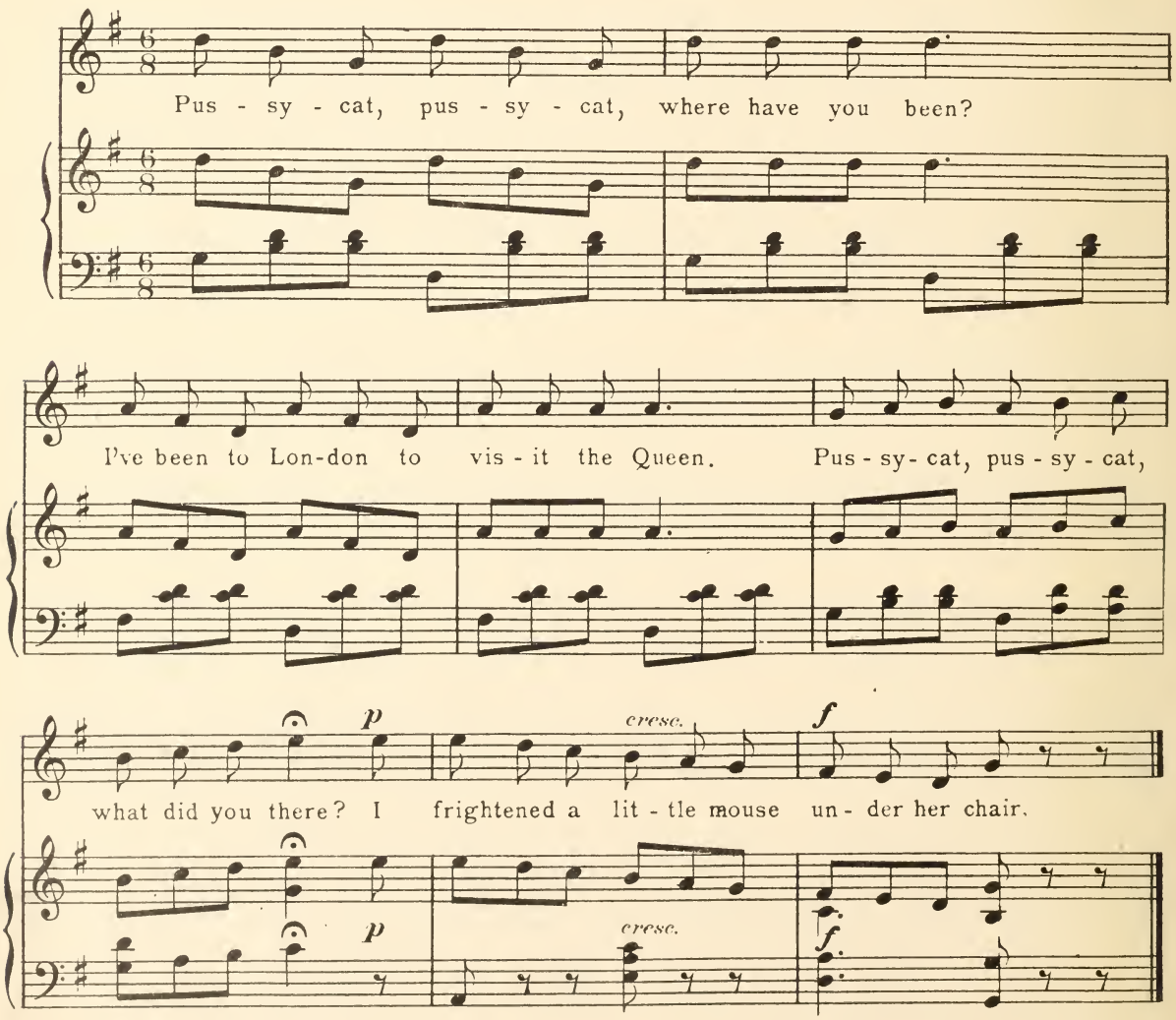
This Little Bird Lived in a Tree

MARY ANDERSON JAMES W. ELLIOTT



Pussy-Cat, Where Have You Been

Nursery Rhyme. JAMES W. ELLIOTT

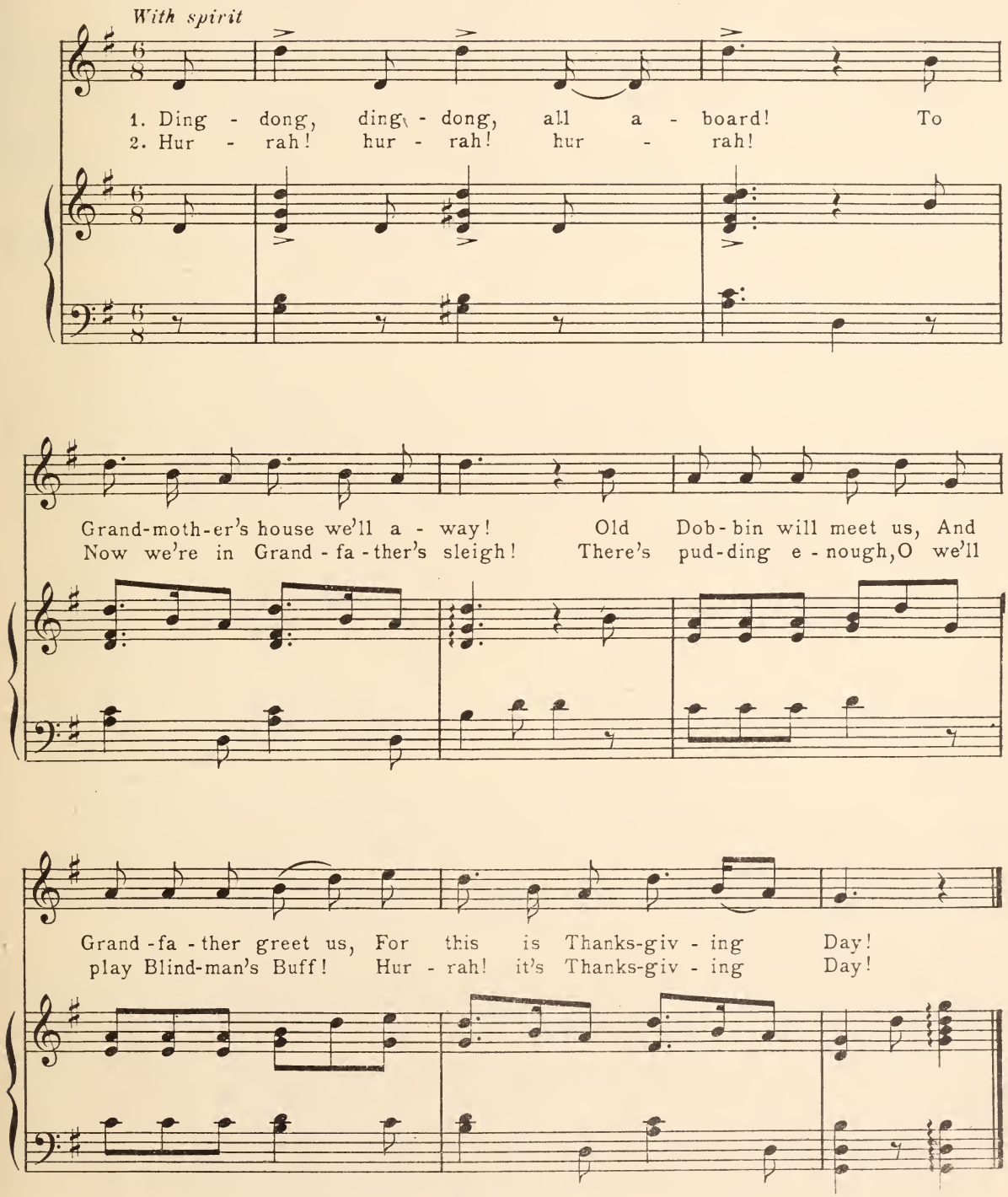


Songs For Special Days

Thanksgiving Day

MARY LEORA HALL

SARAH ELIZABETH PALMER

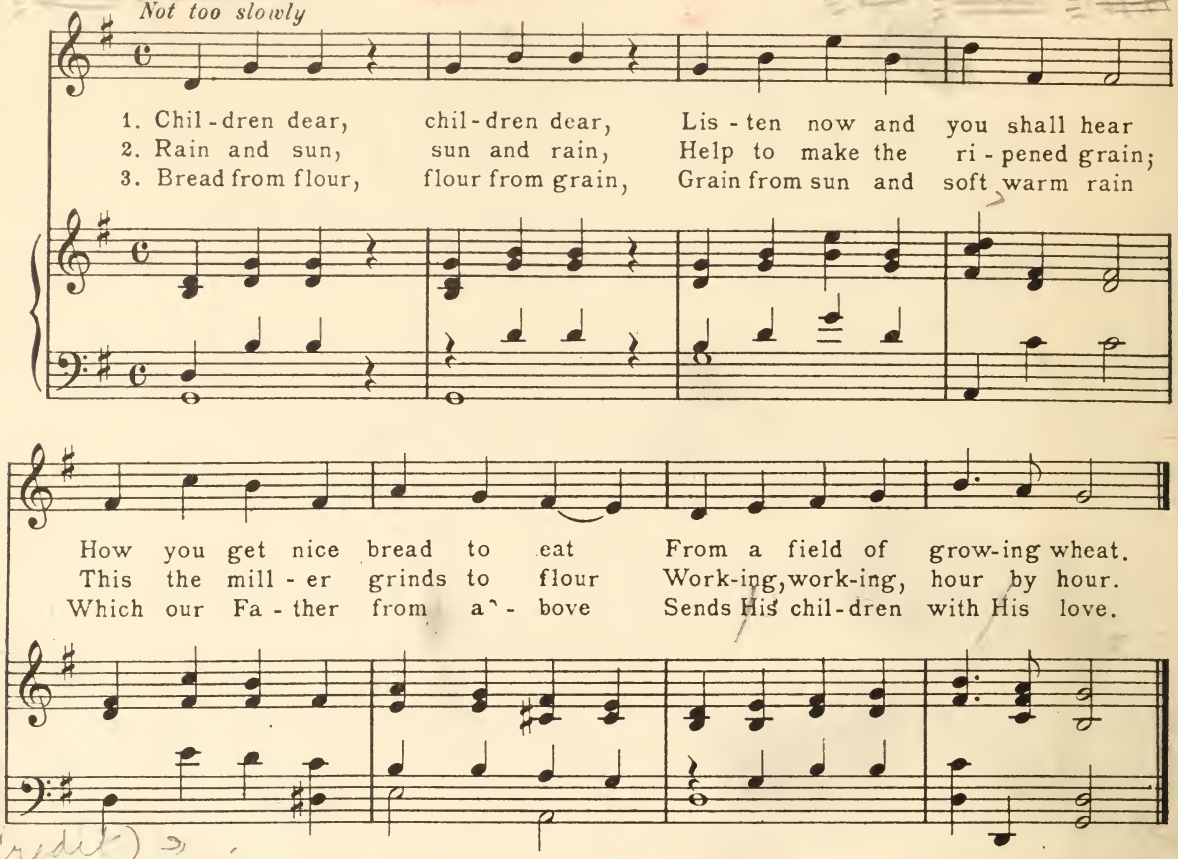


The Song of the Bread

(THANKSGIVING)

RACHEL L. RIKERT — GRACE WILBUR CONANT

Not too slowly



Merry Christmas! Ring the Carols

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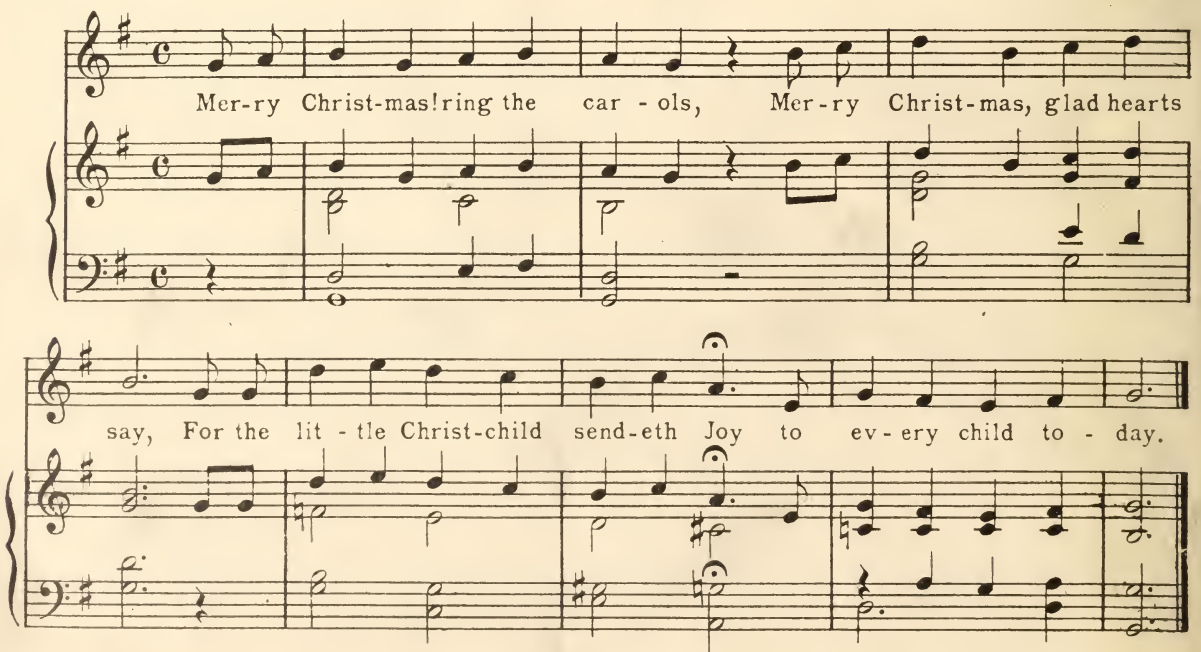
The Christmas Tree

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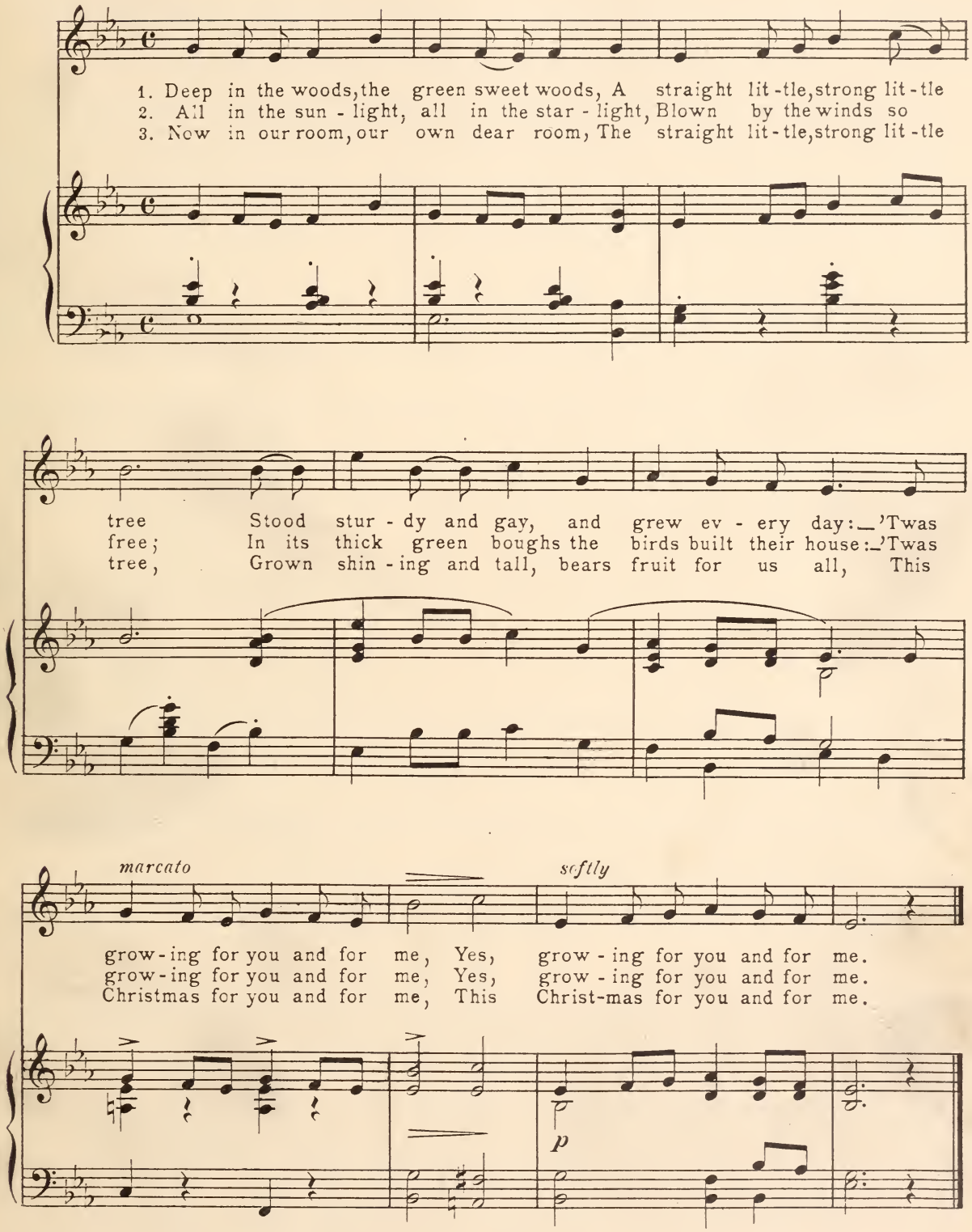

A Christmas Carol

(Written for all children everywhere)

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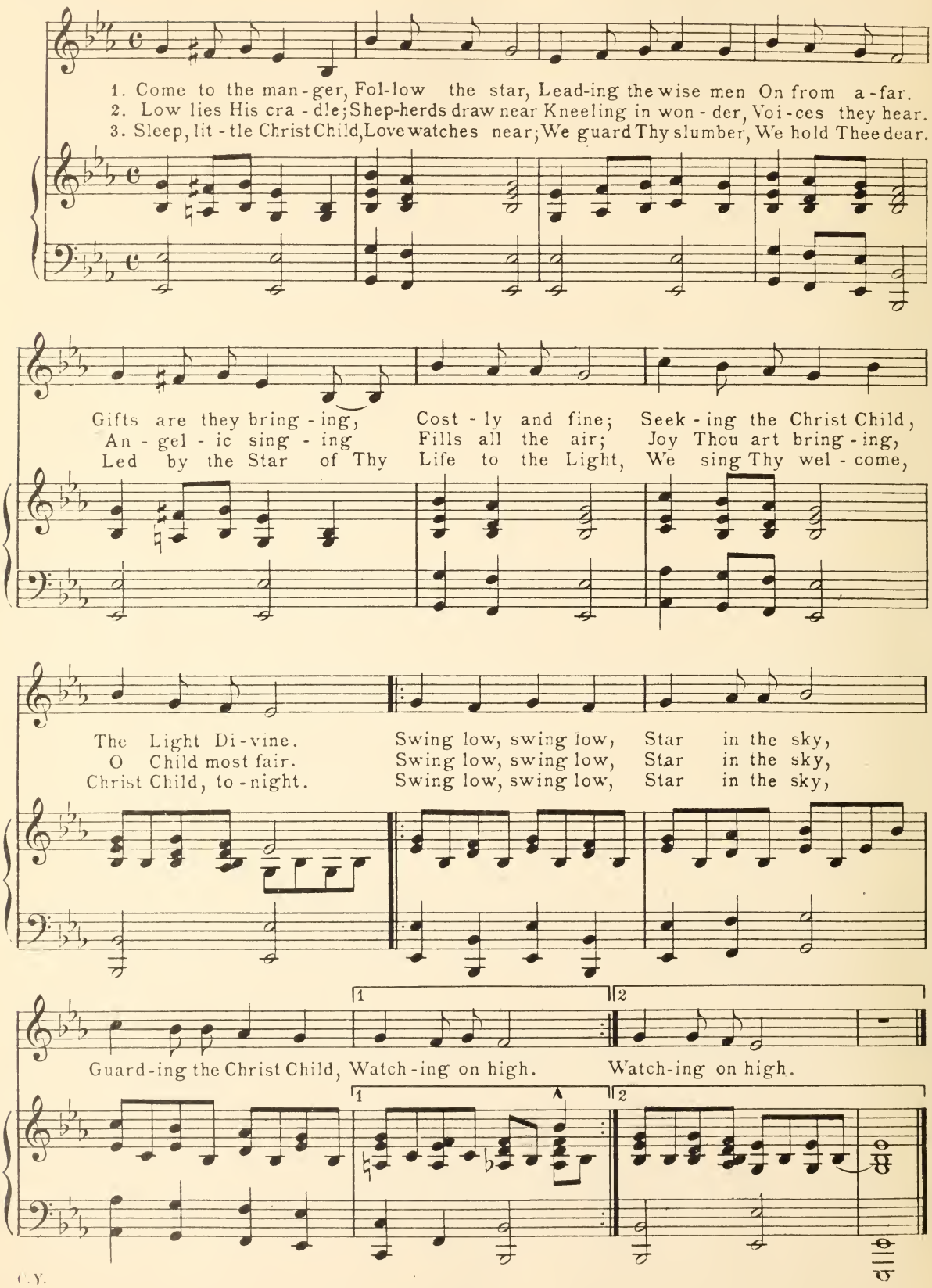
Christmas Greeting

(For Christmas Festival to which parents are invited)

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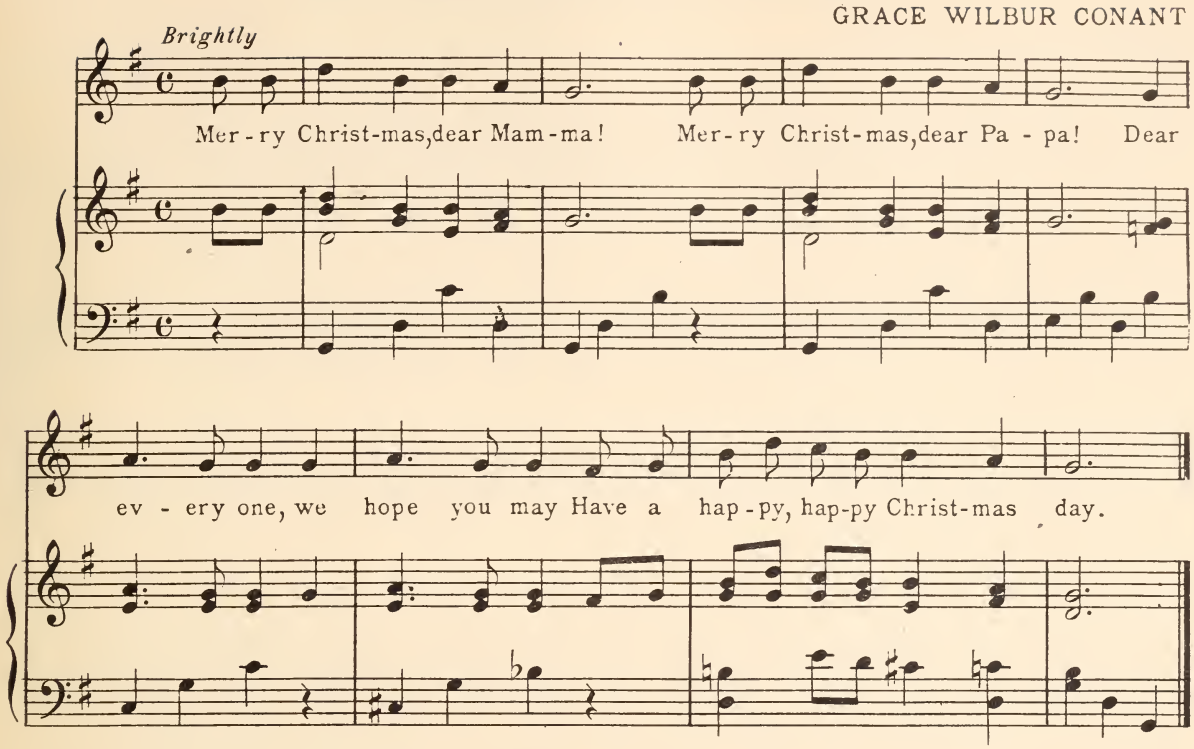

New Year Greeting

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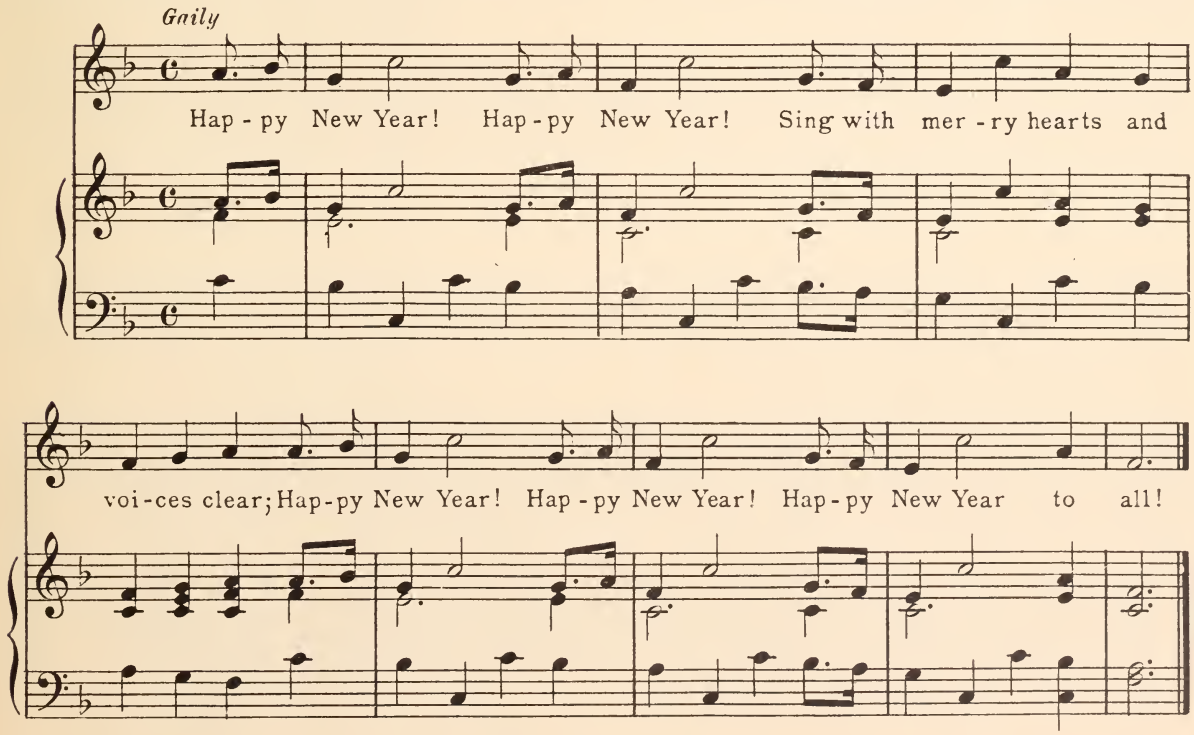

A Pretty Way

(ST. VALENTINE'S DAY)

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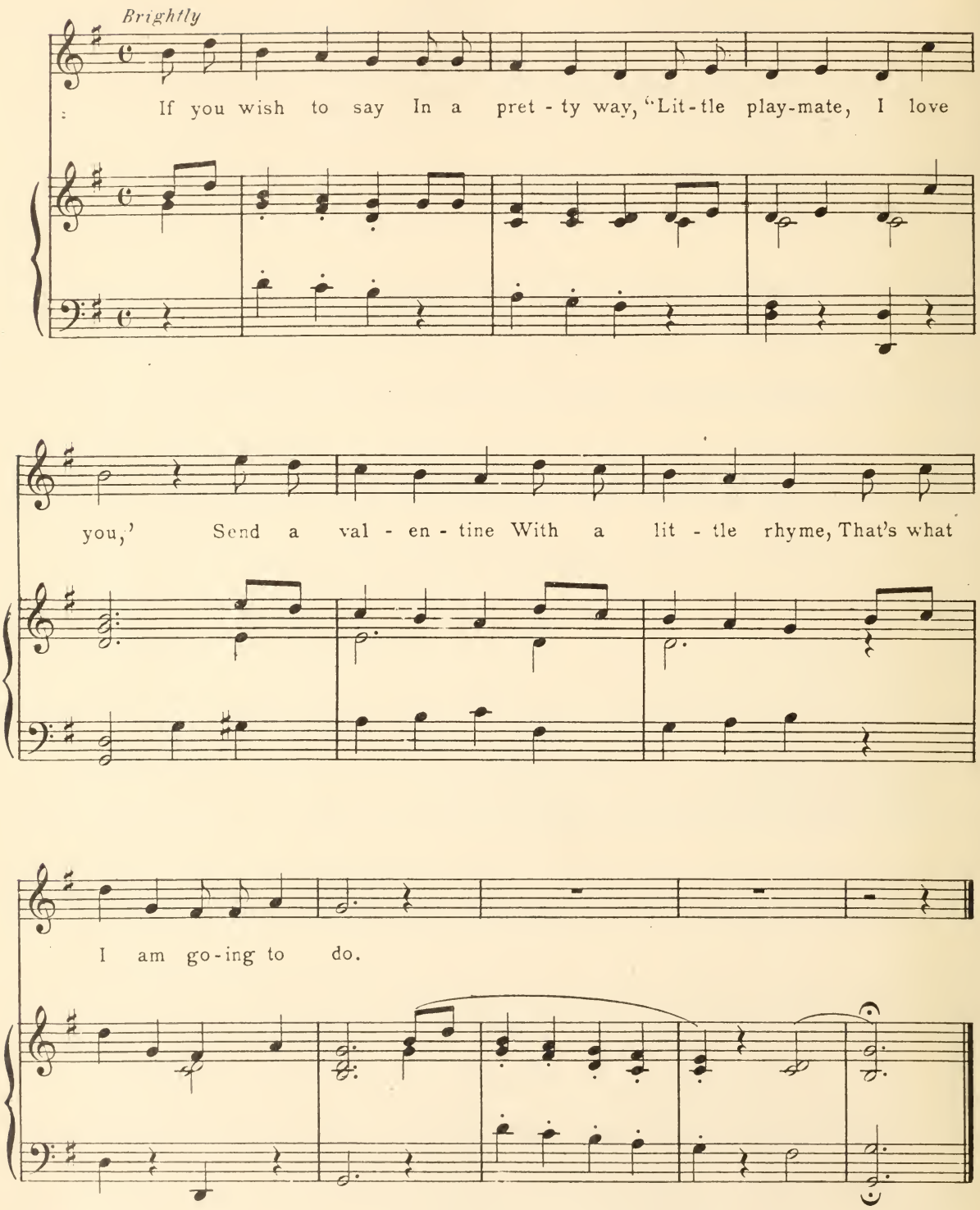

Flag of Our Country

(For Washington's Birthday; or to follow the Salute to the Flag)

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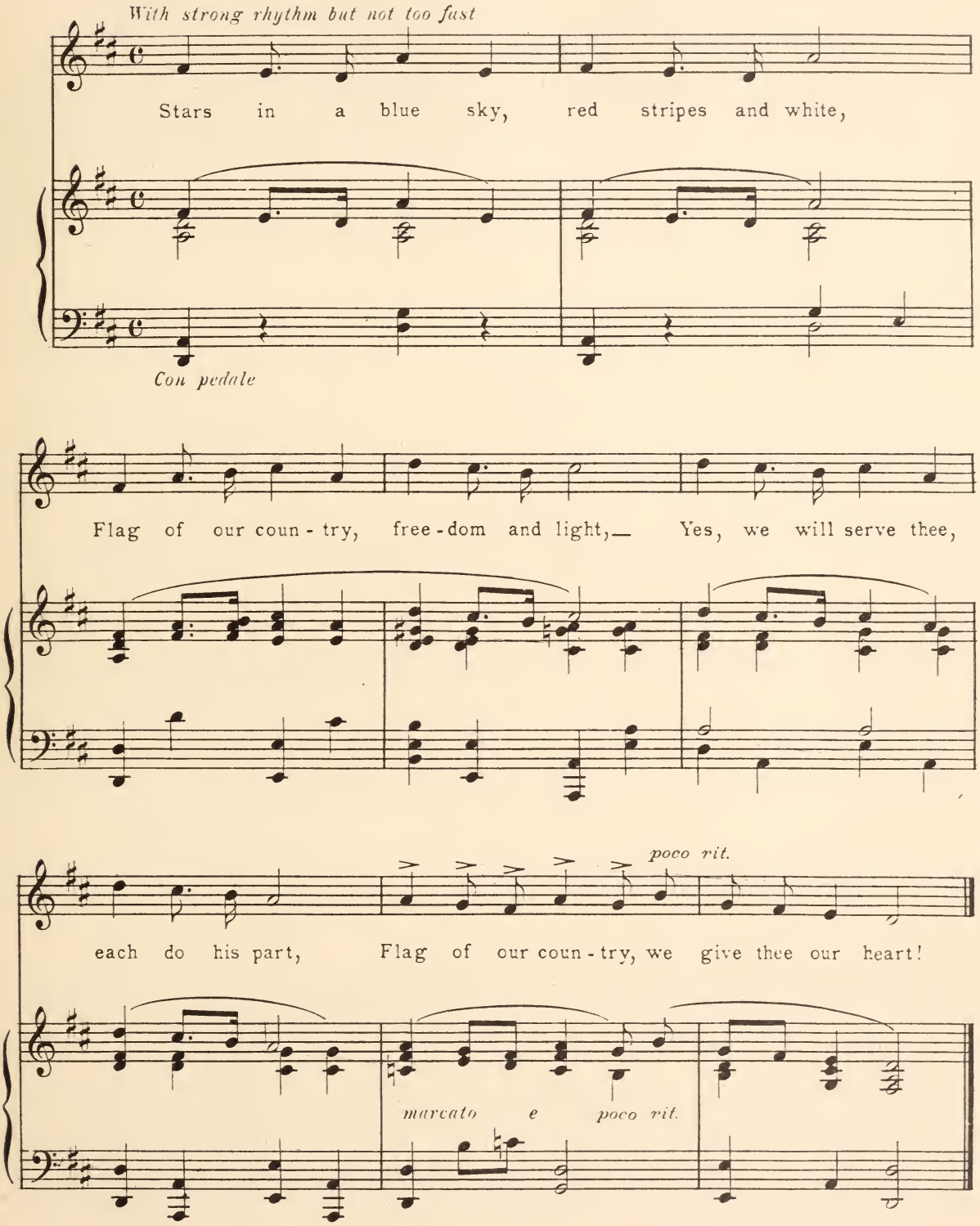
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George Washington's Birthday

MARCH & SONG

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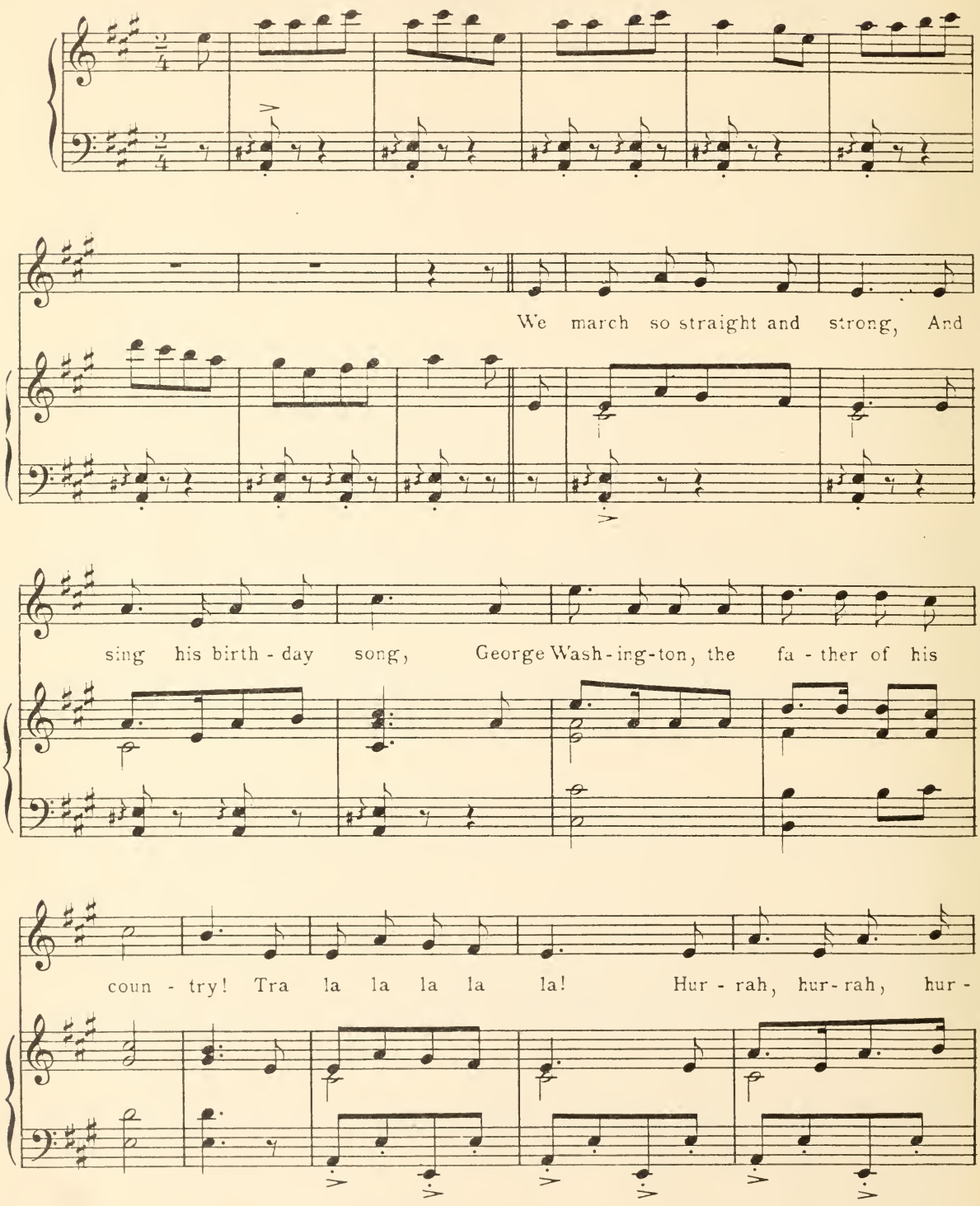
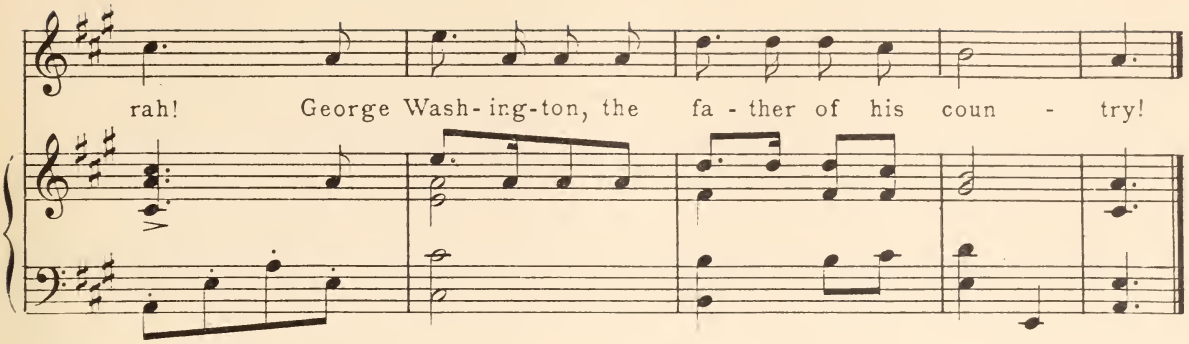
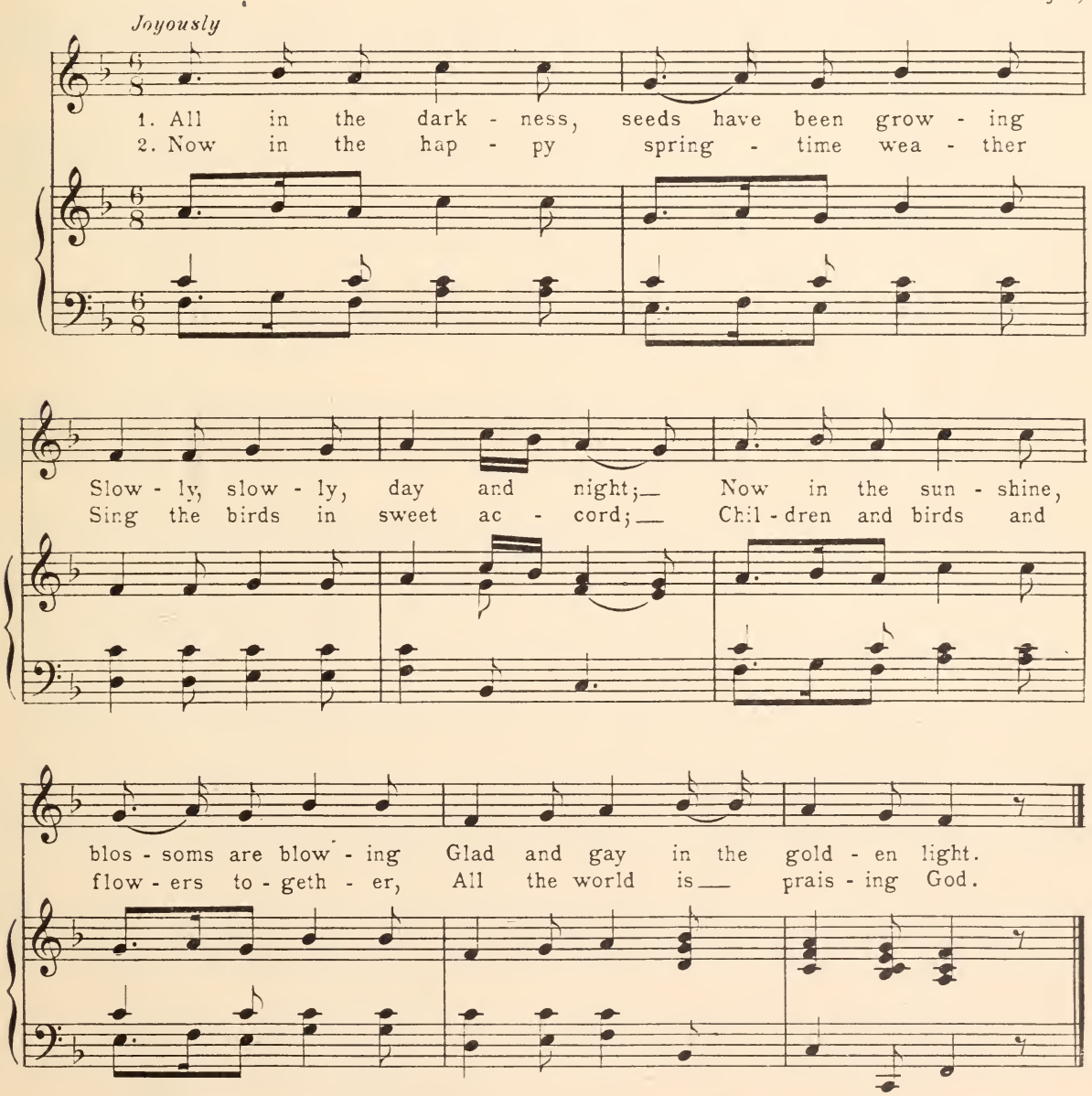
(Repeat March at close of Song, if desired.)





Easter Carol

G. W. C. MOZART (Theme from Sonata in A major)

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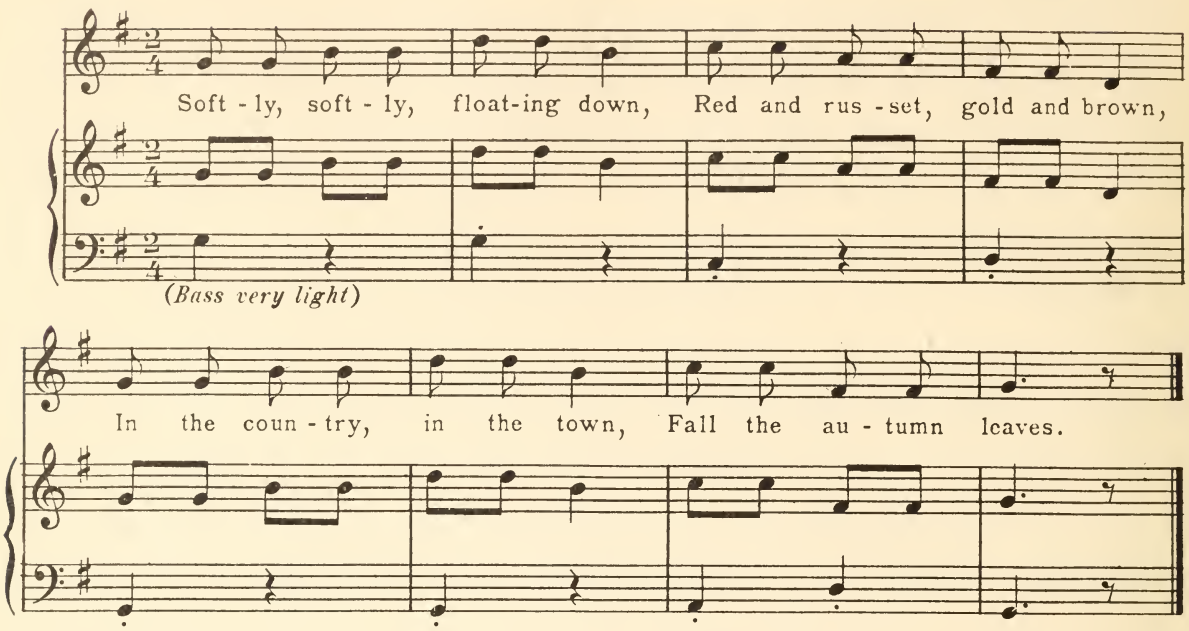
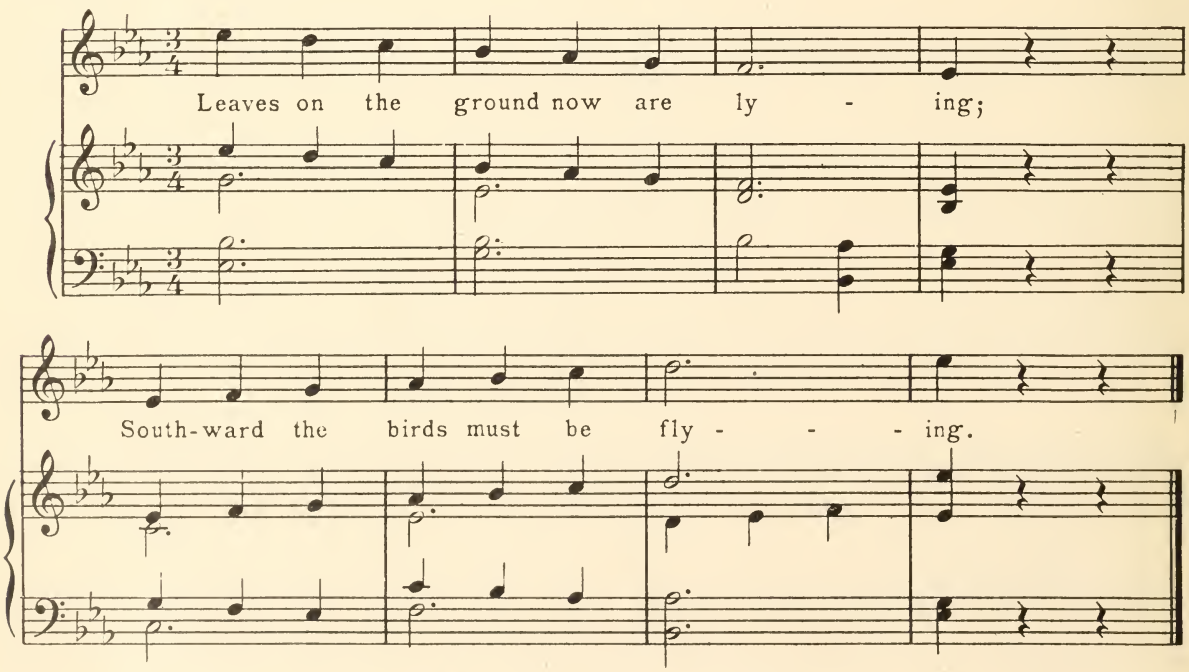
Songs for the Seasons

Autumn Leaves

G. W. C. Arr. from Haydn

Little Scale Song

G. W. C. G. W. C.

(The children may be encouraged to make their own words for this little tune. Or the following may be used:

Which is the way that the wind blows?
Look up and see what the vane shows.)

C.Y.

Blow, Wind, Blow

Old rhyme

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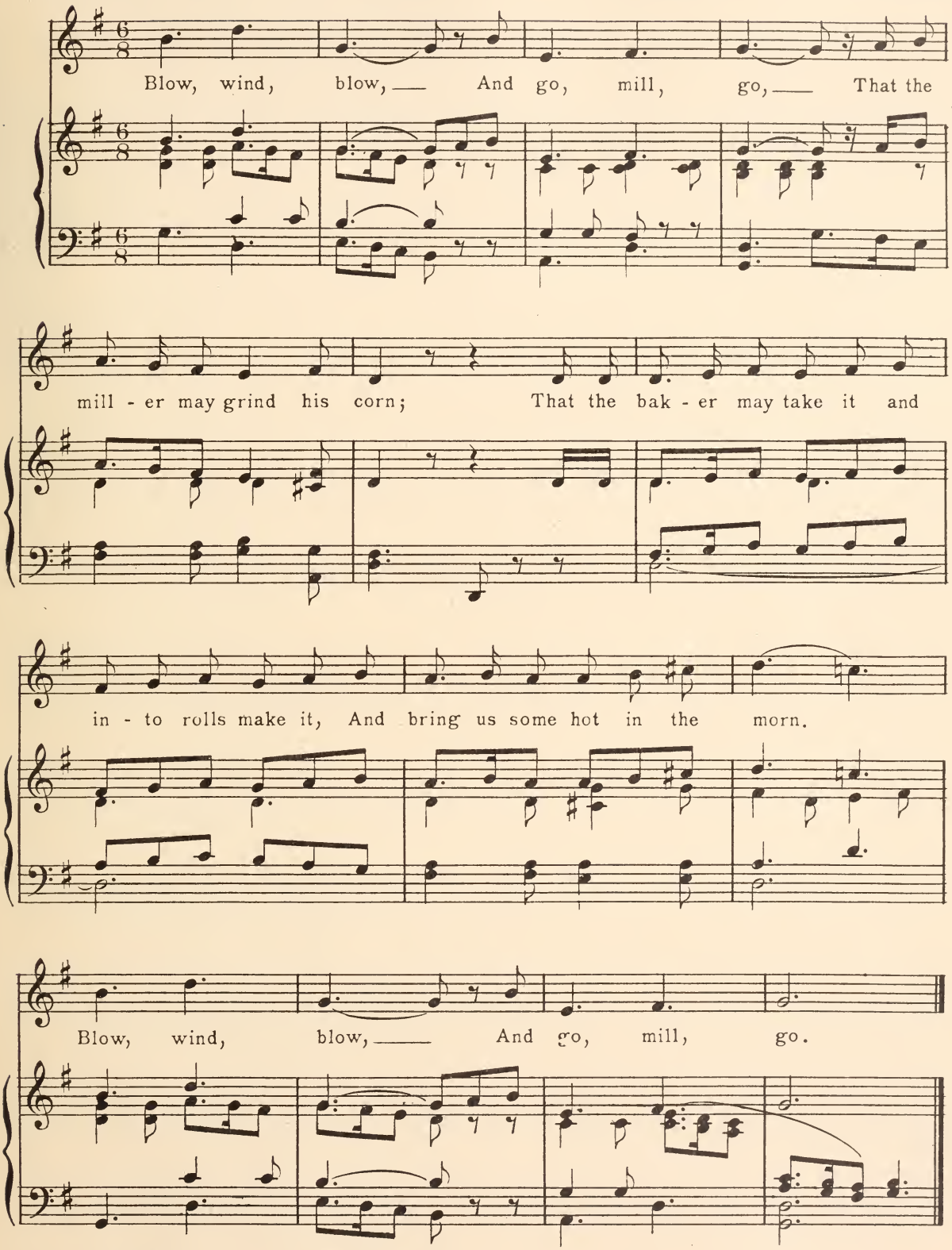

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Rain

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

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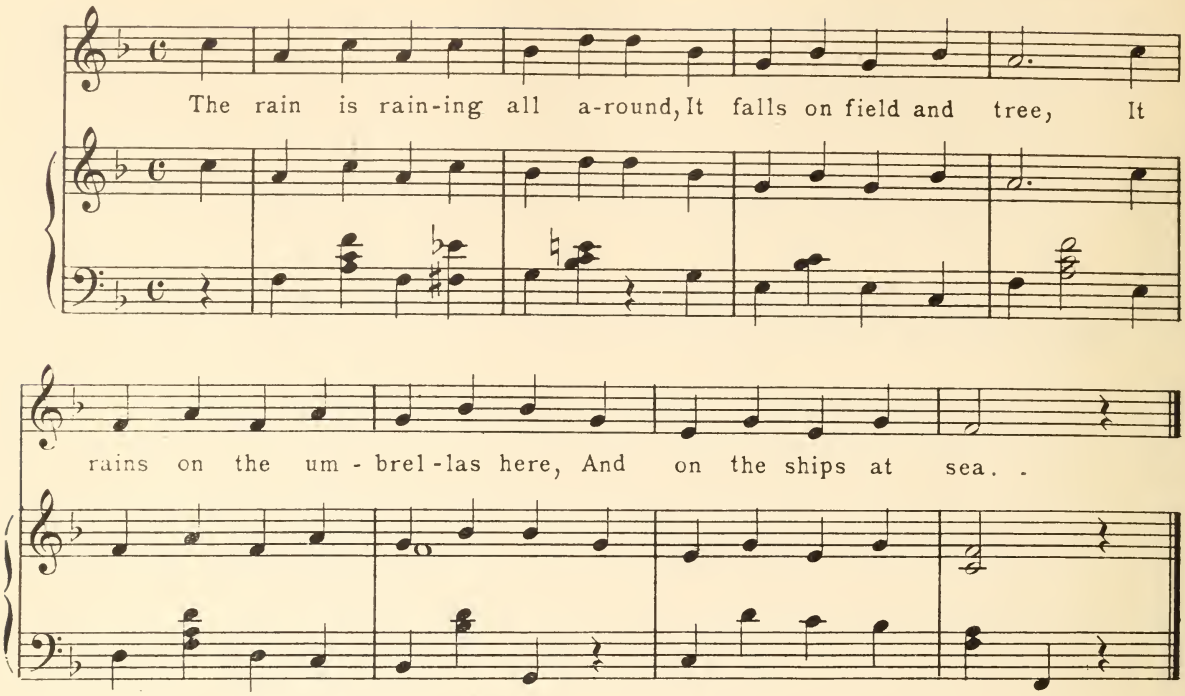
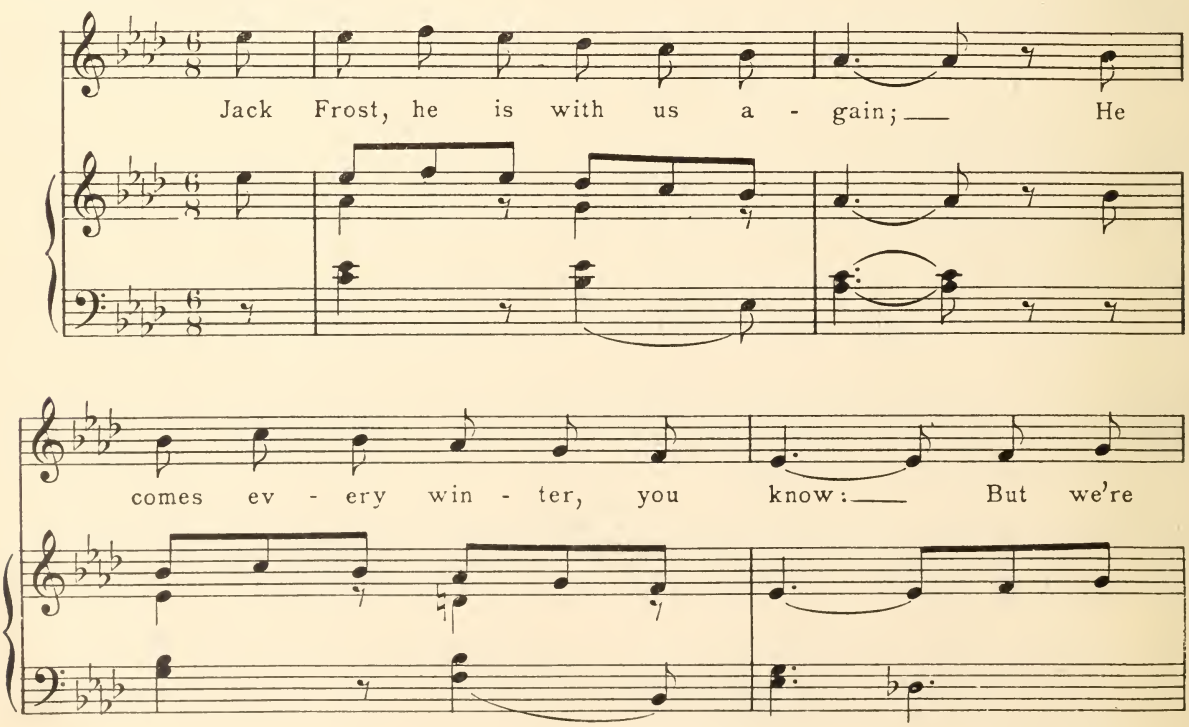
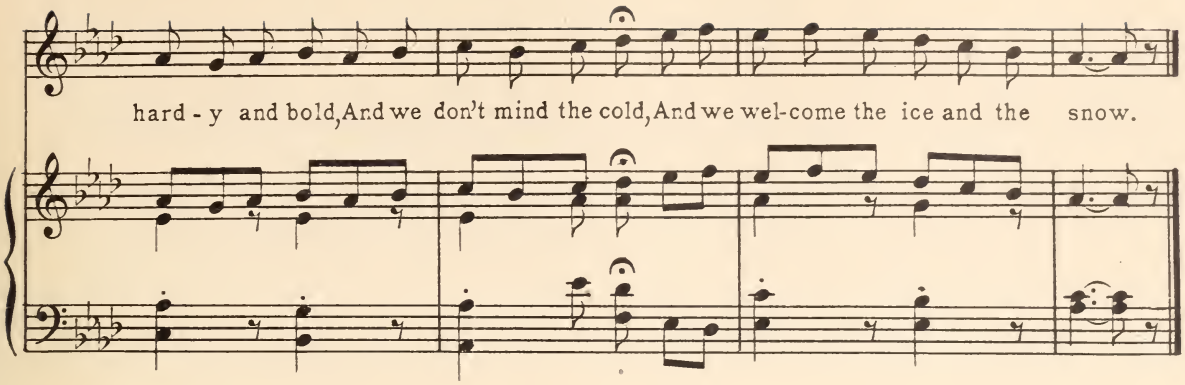


Jack Frost

GEORGE BENNETT

Adapted



Snow! Snow! Pure White Snow

From the German

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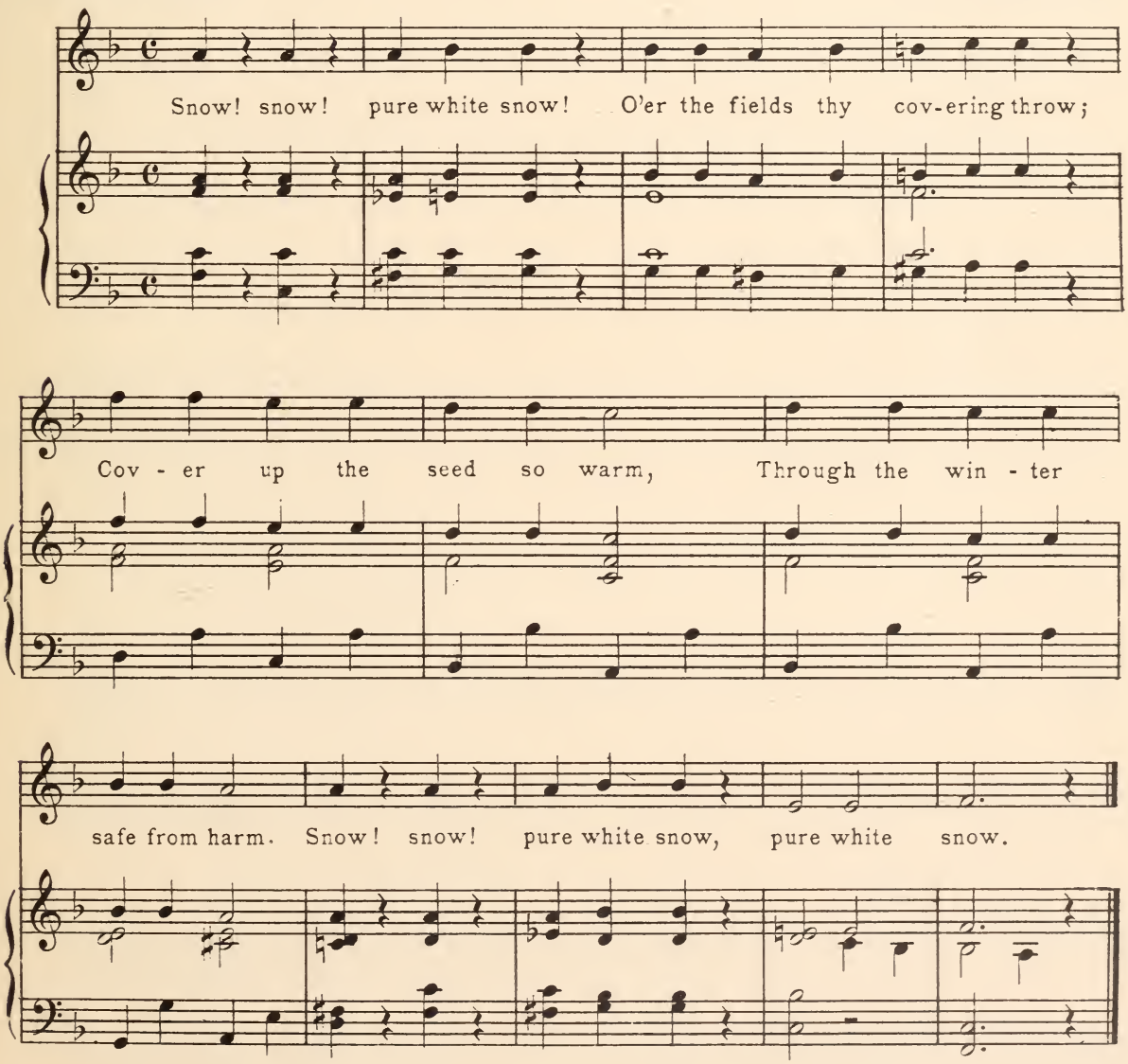

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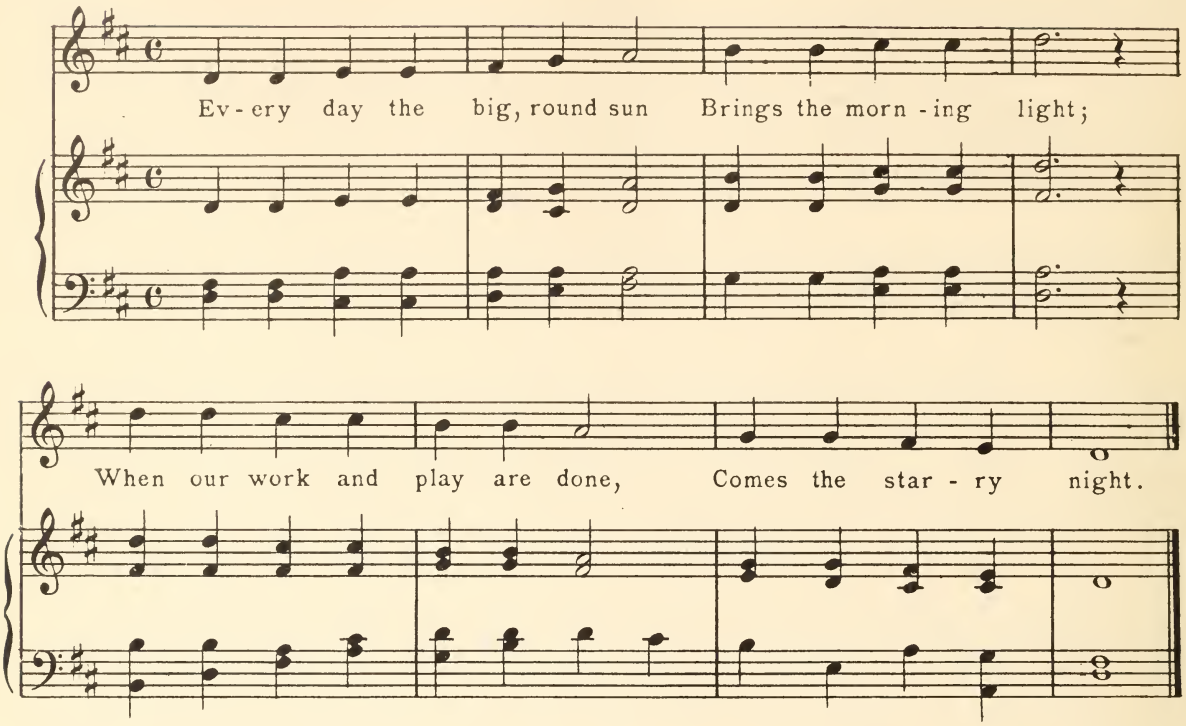

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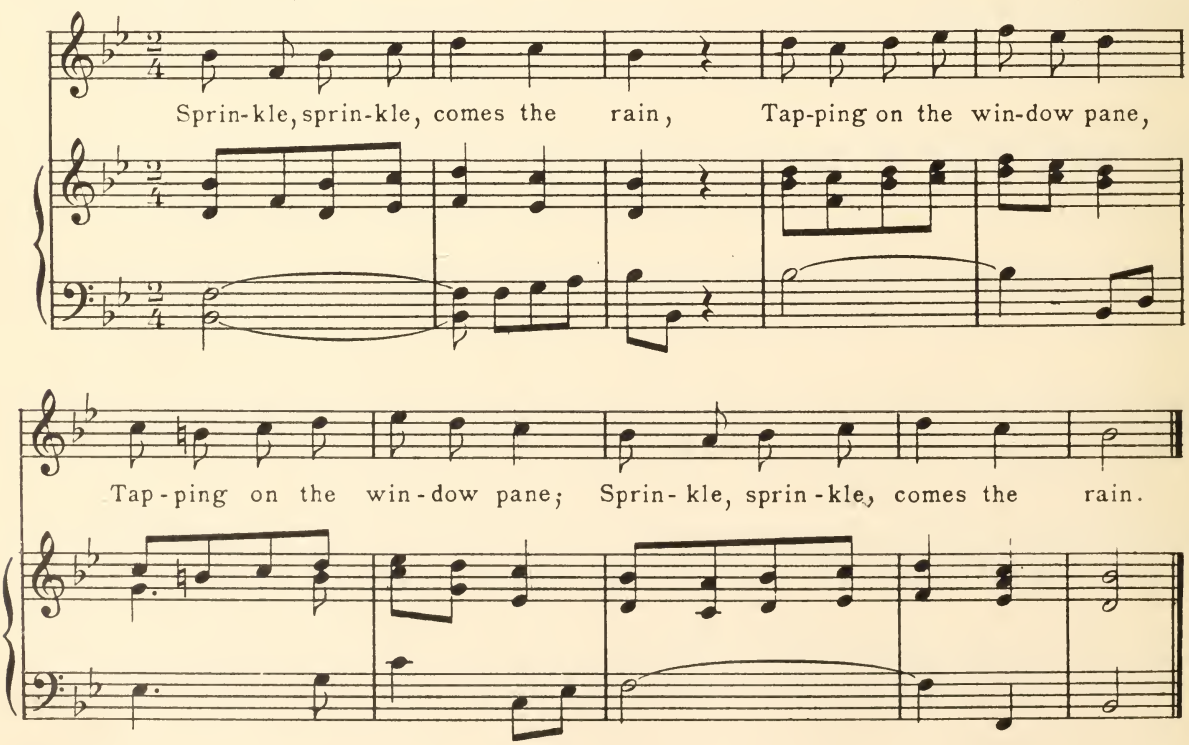
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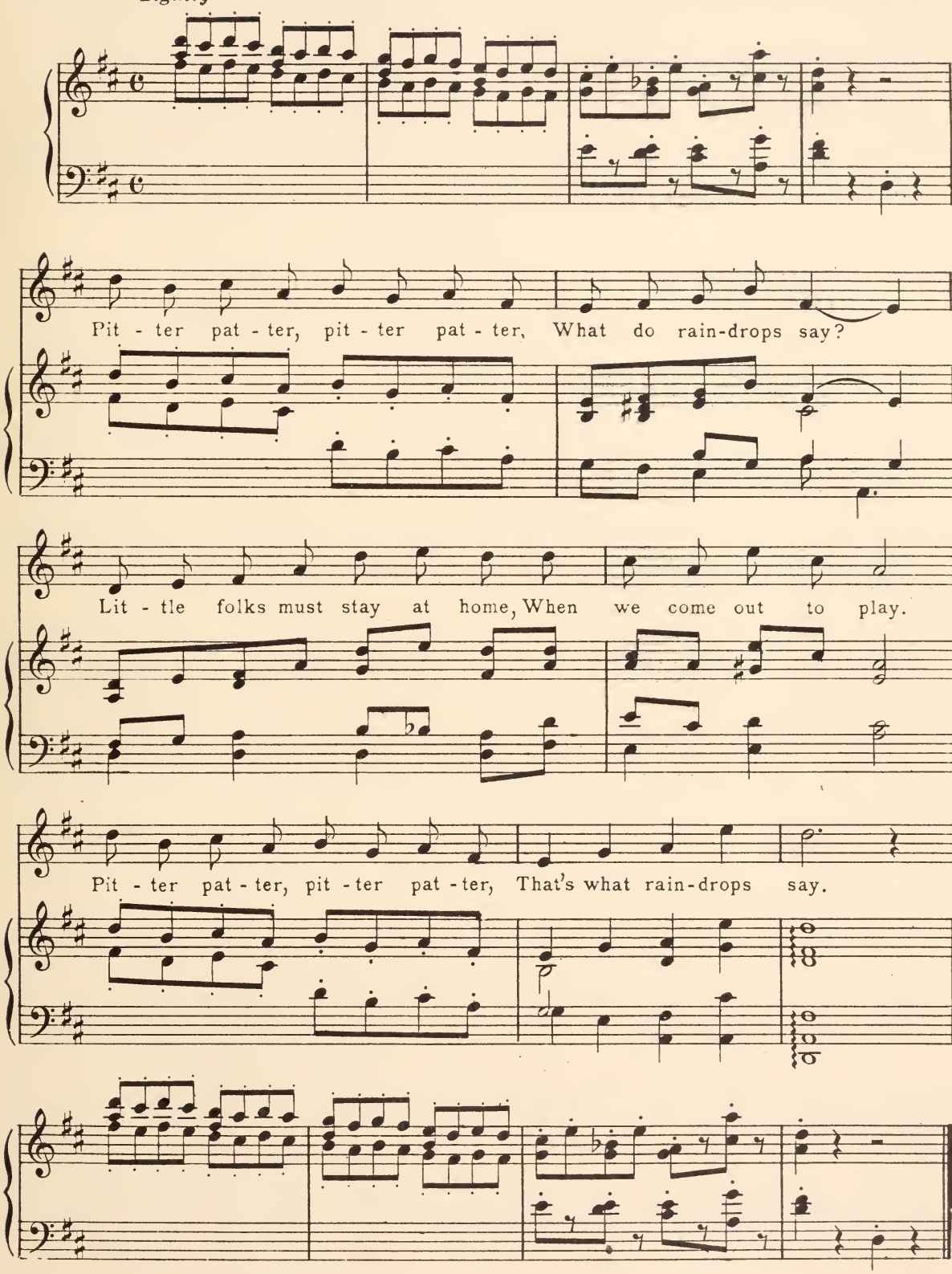
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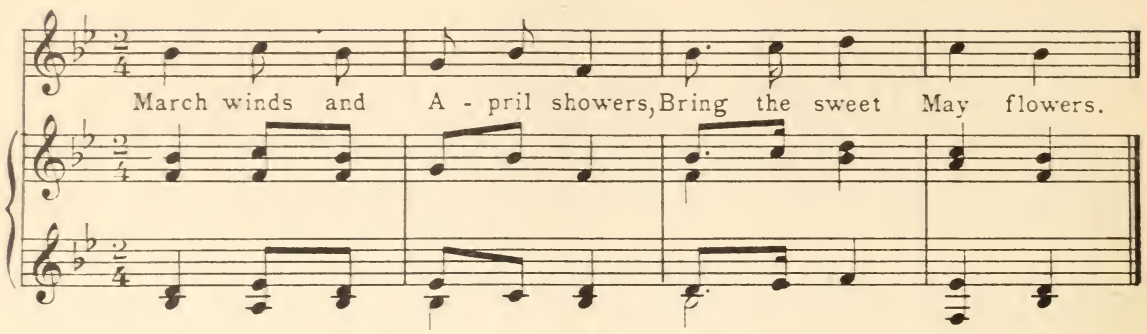

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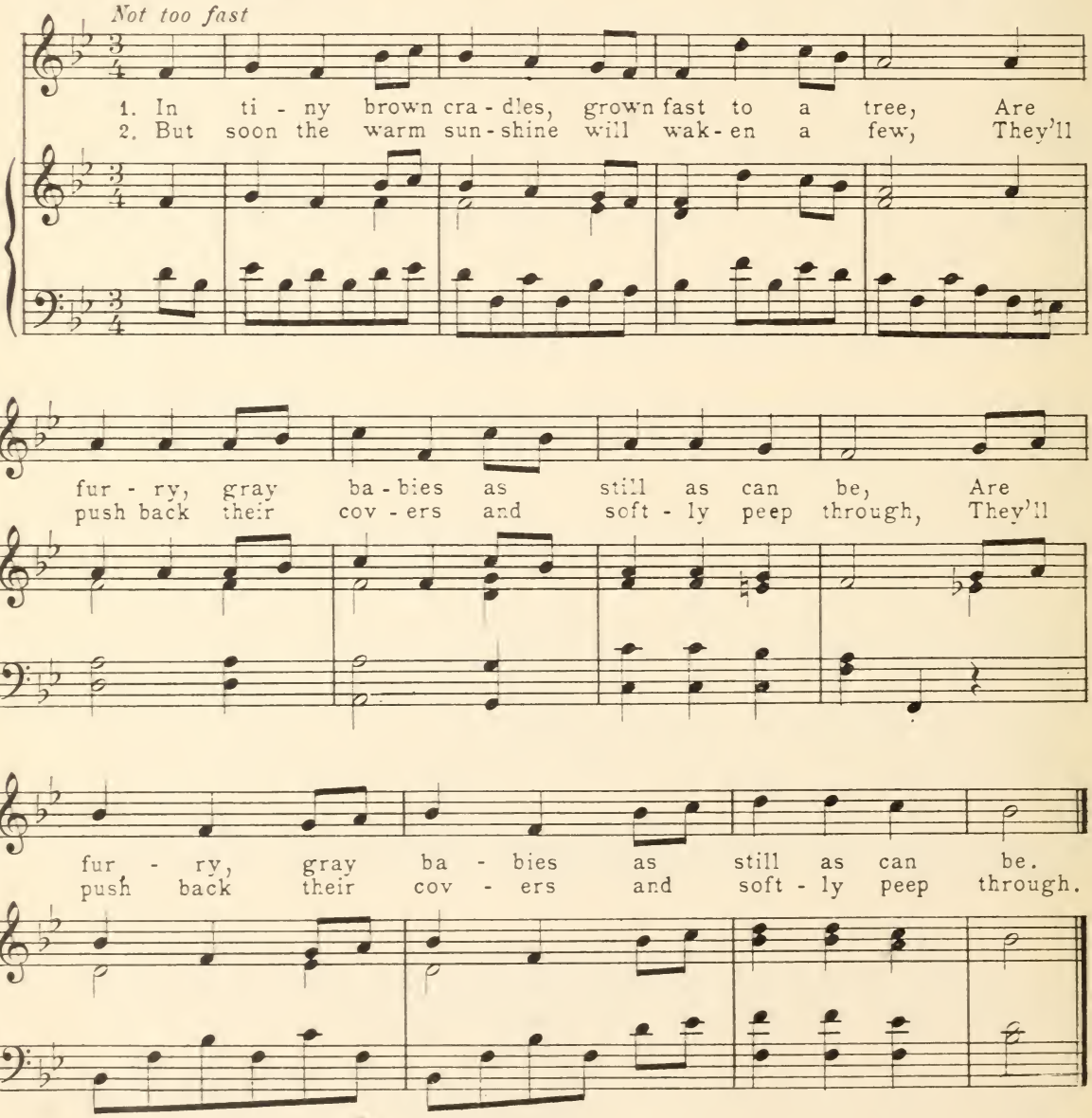

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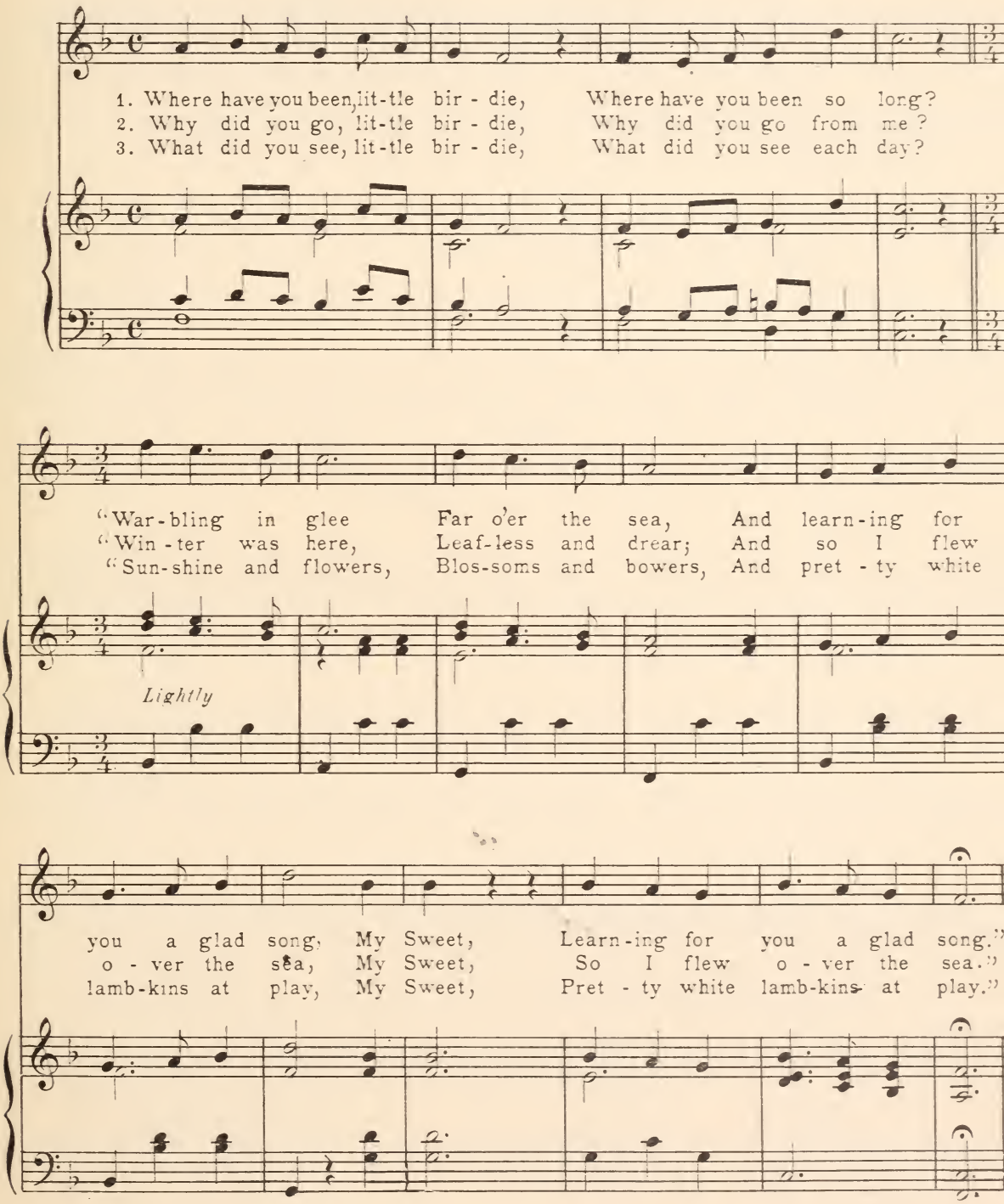

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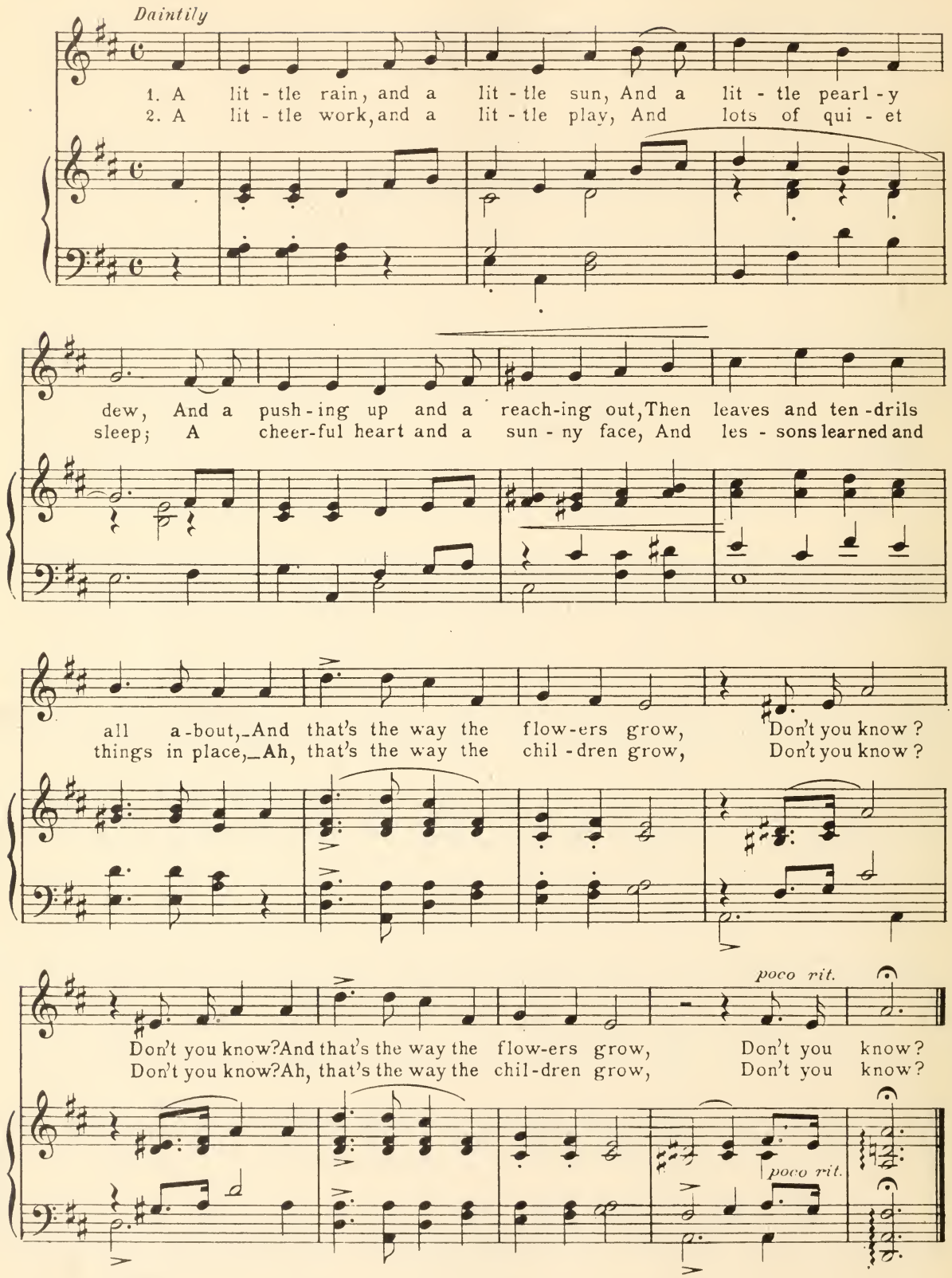
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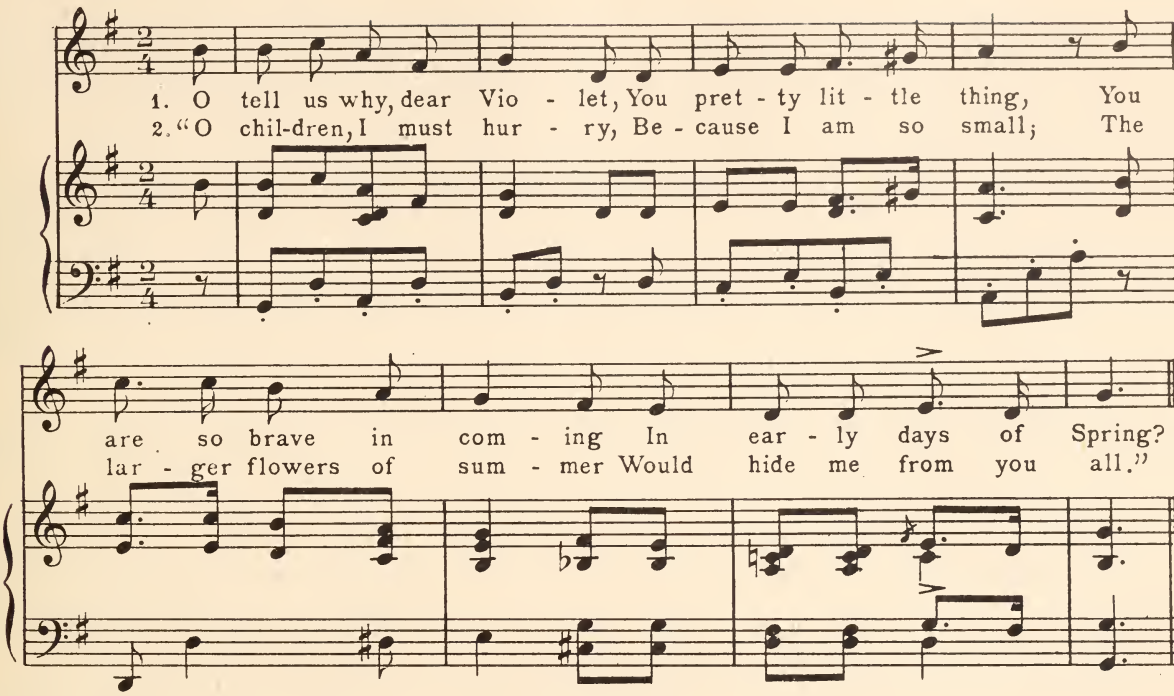
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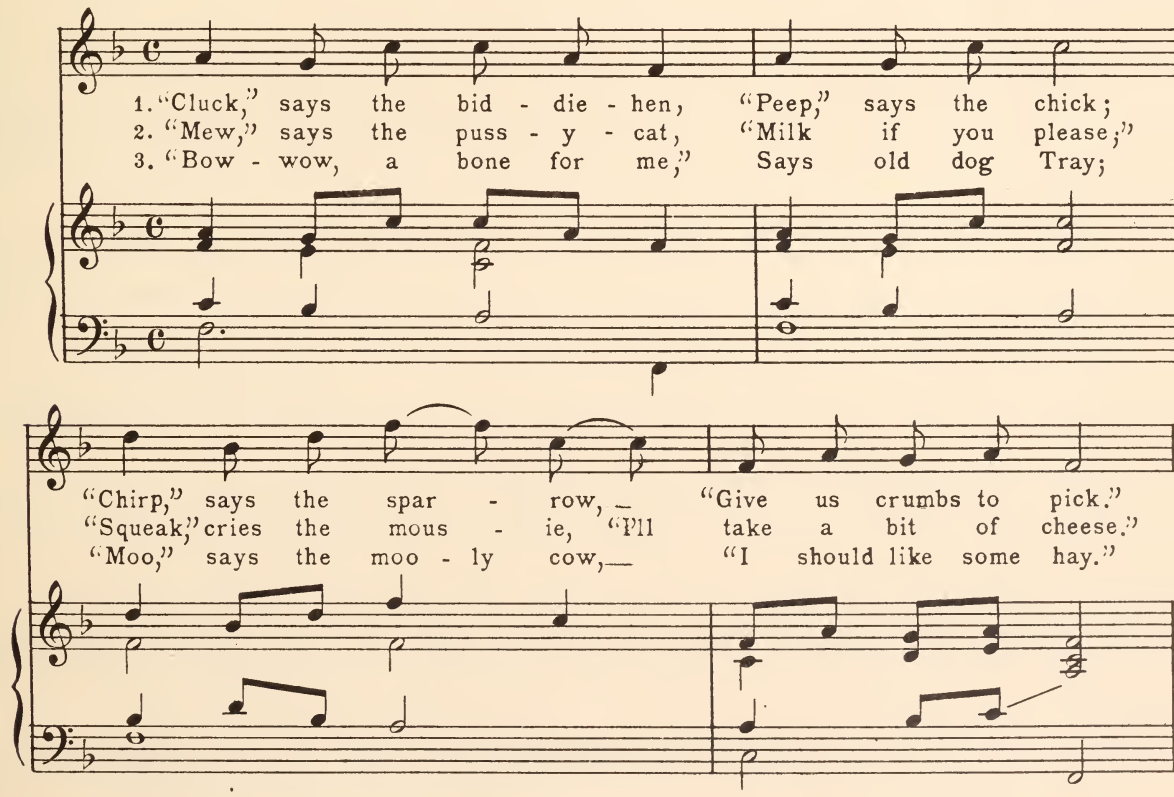
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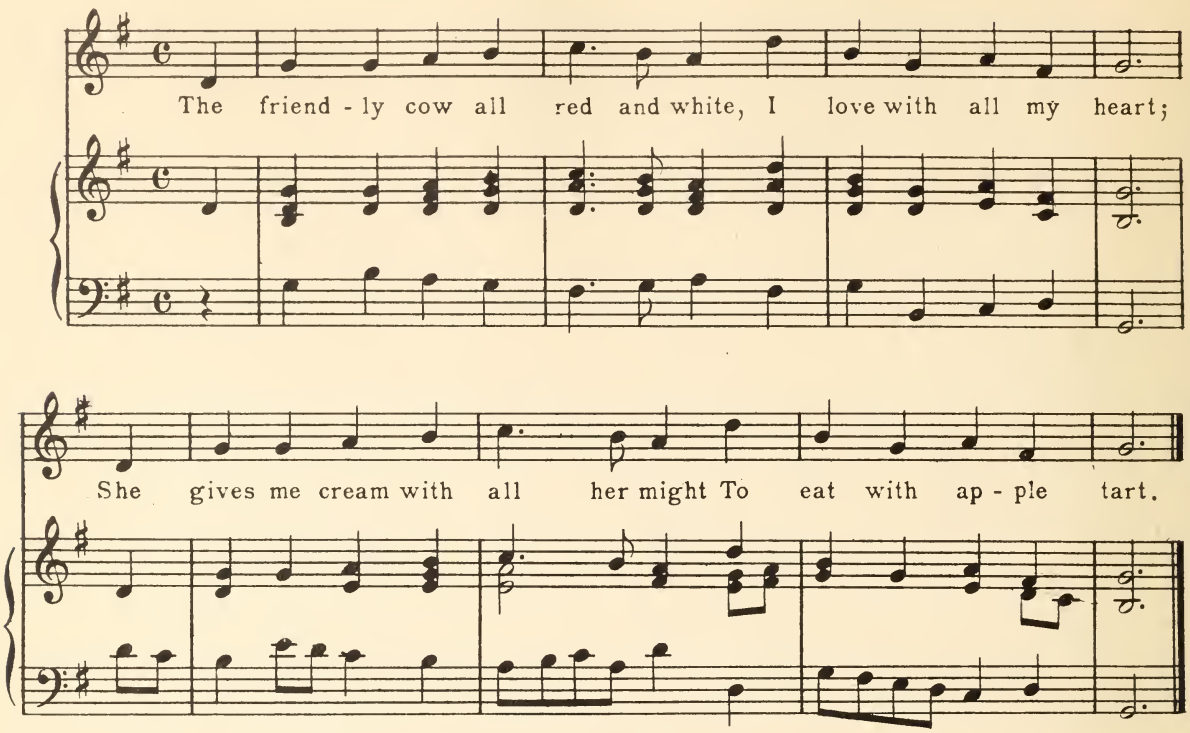

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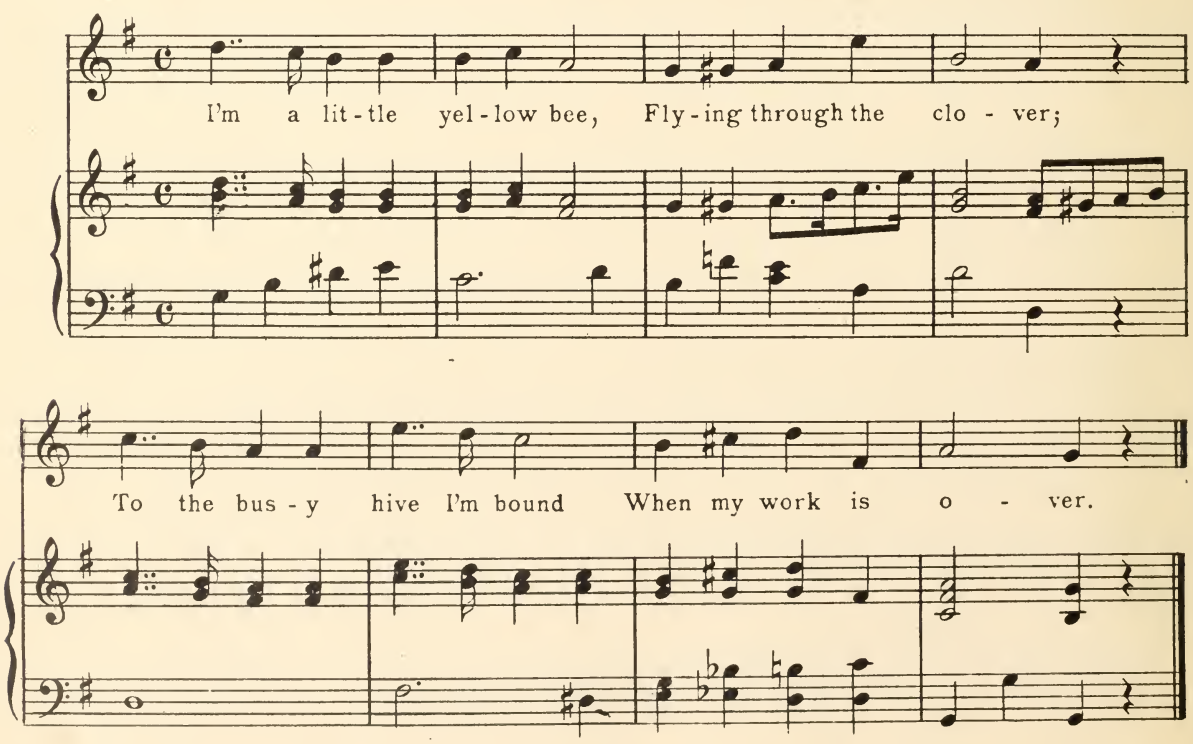

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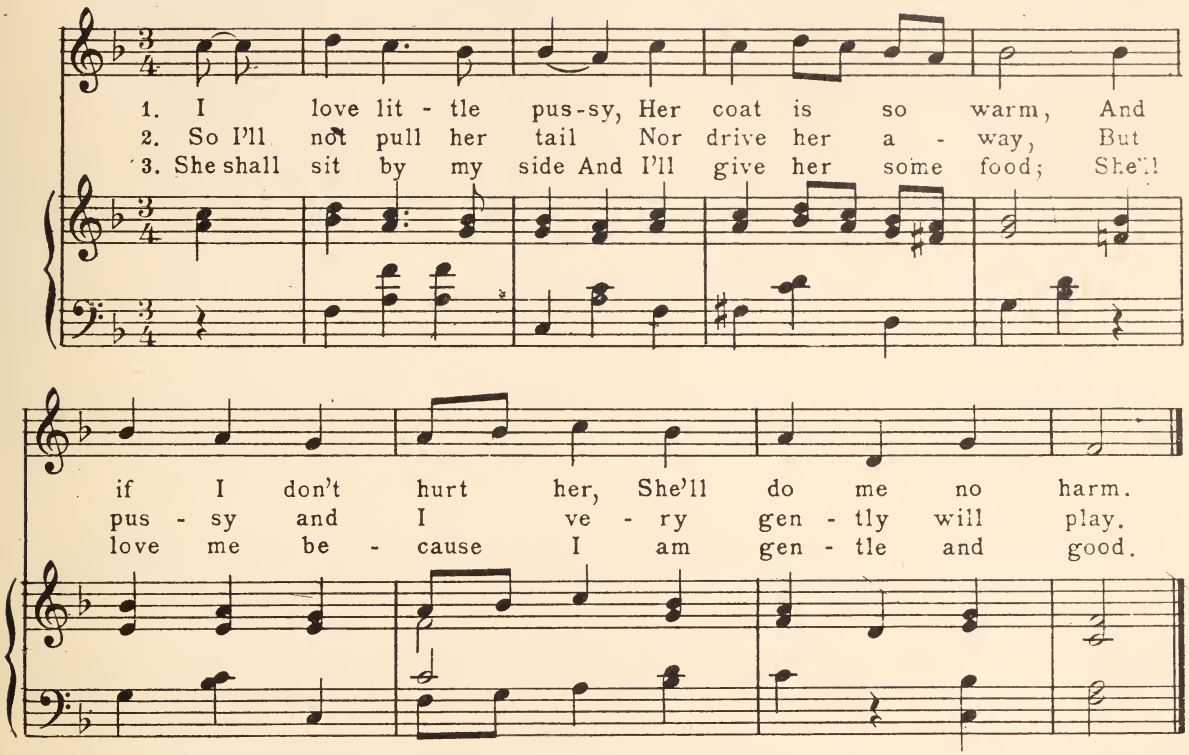
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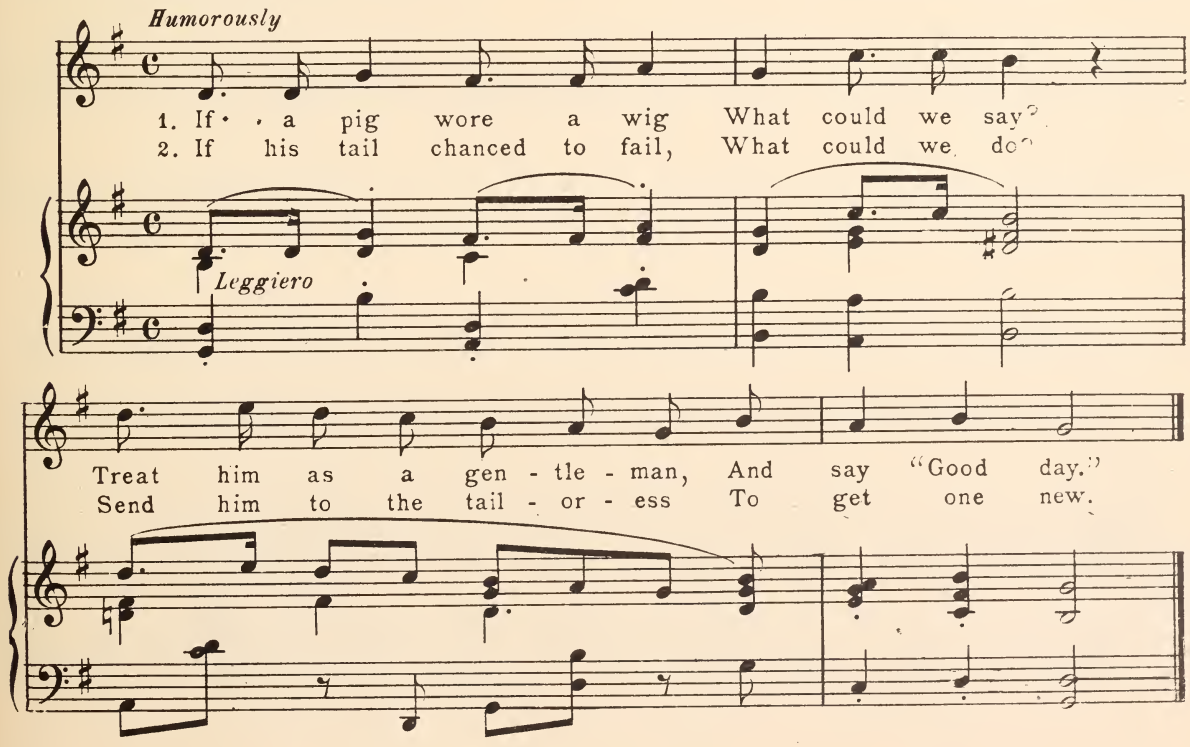

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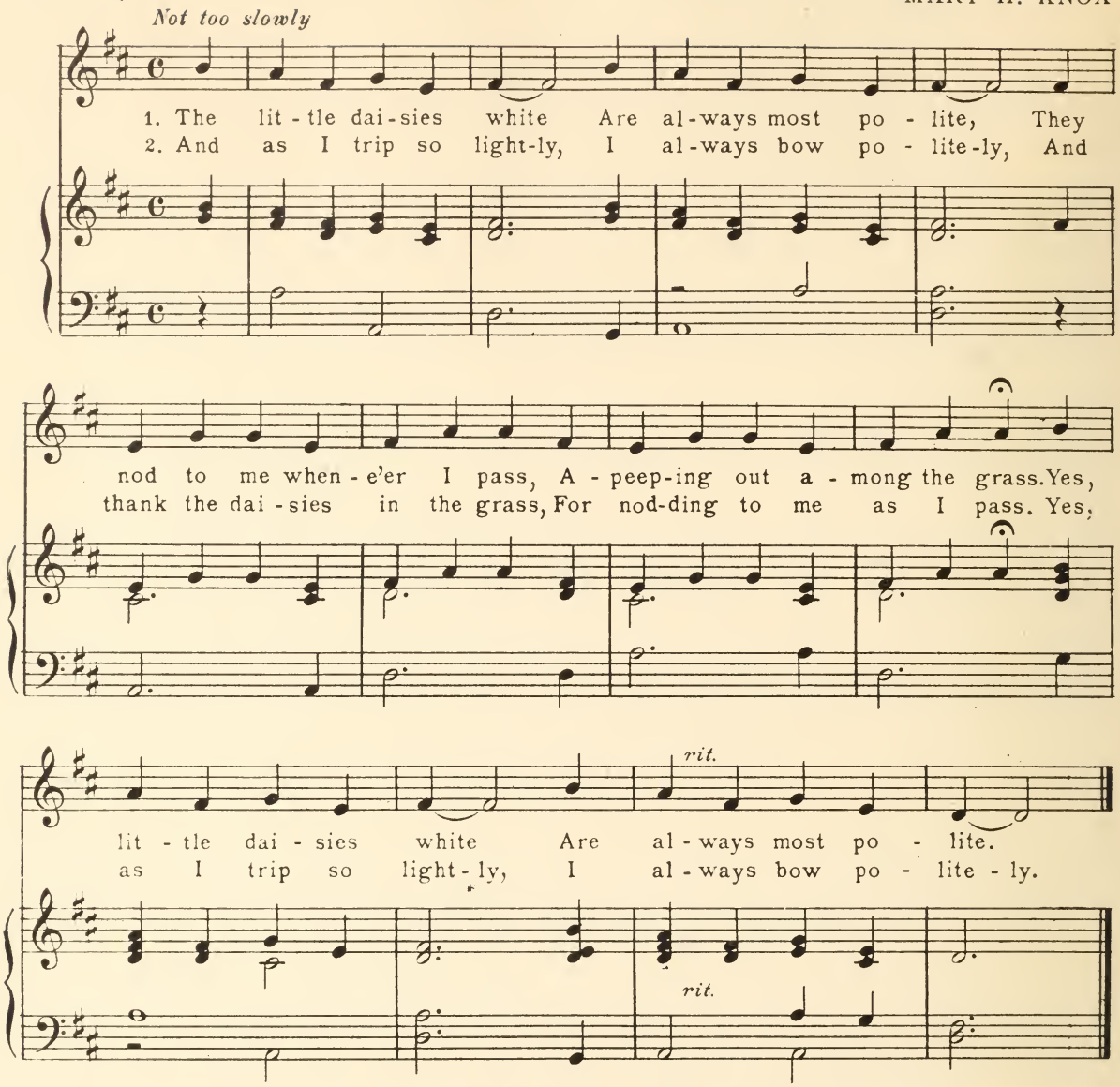

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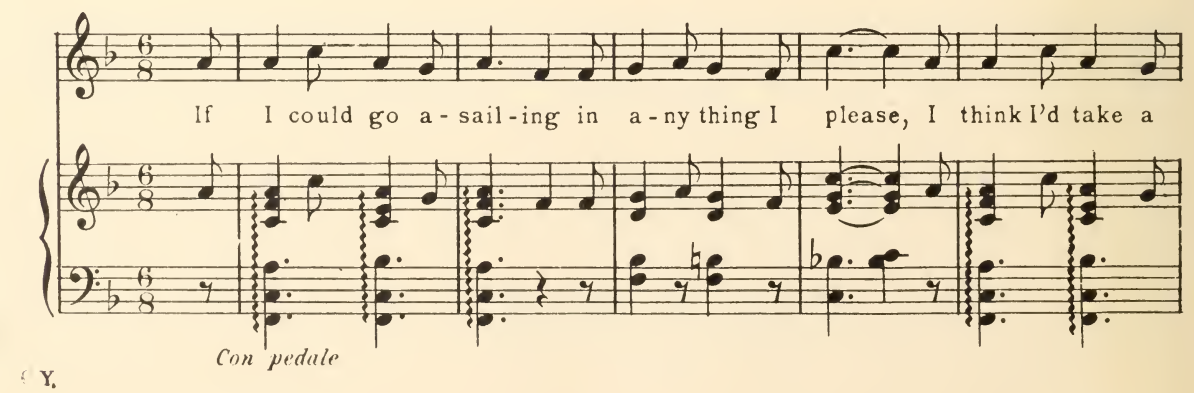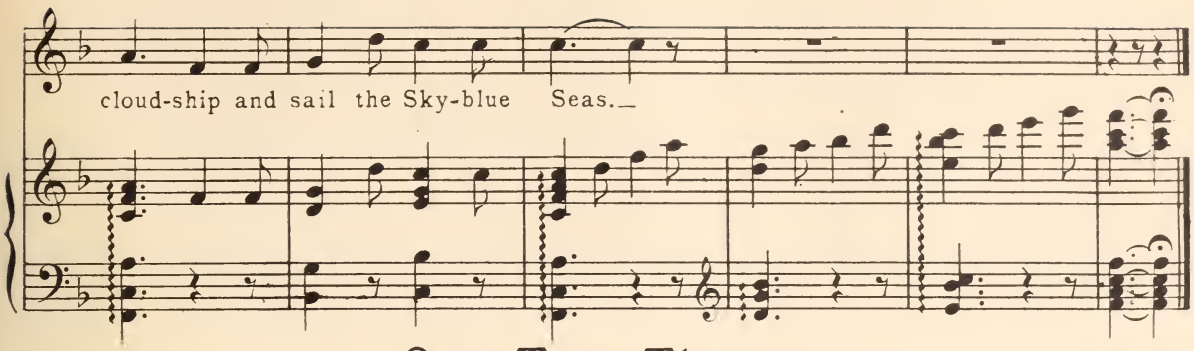

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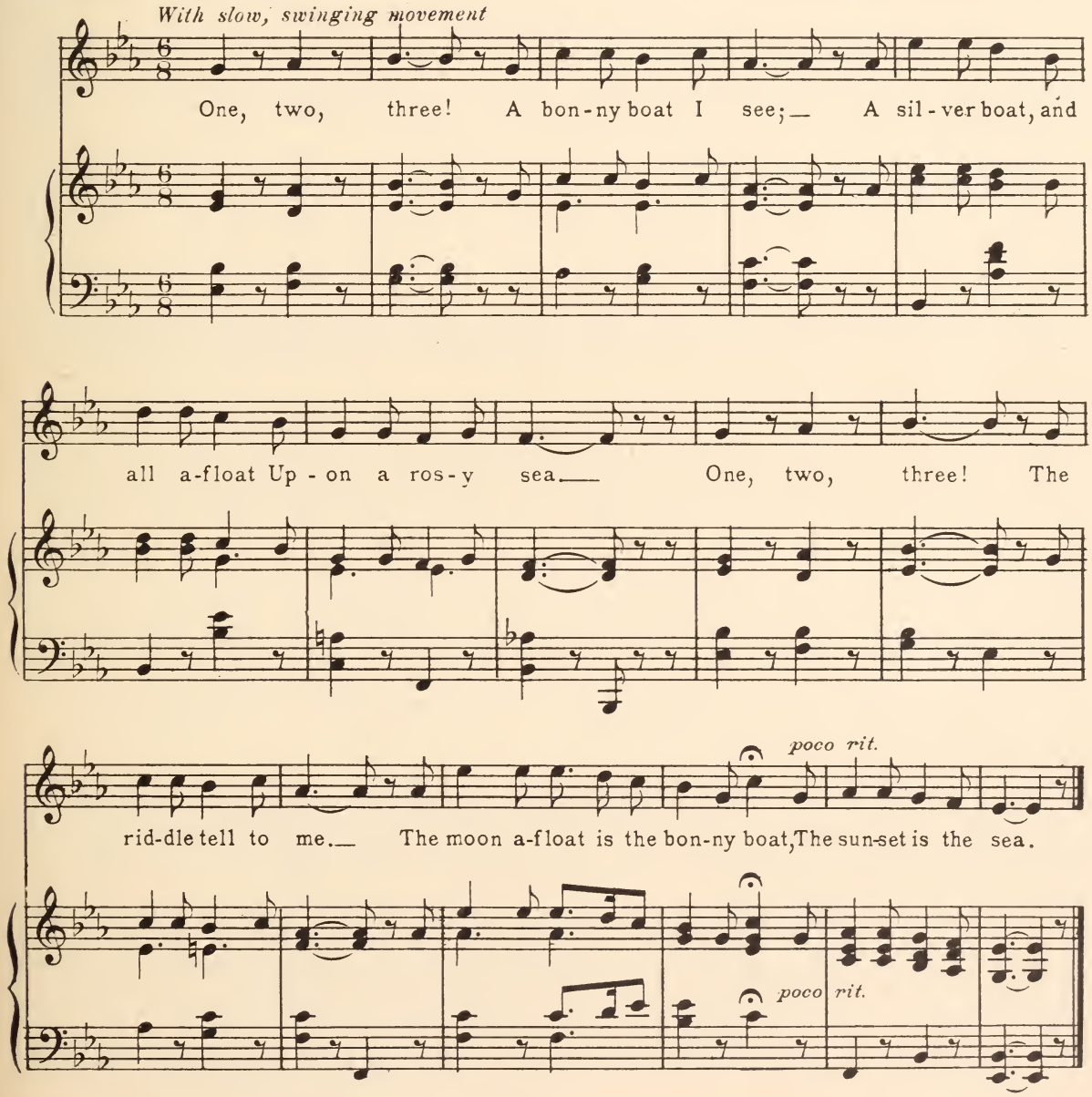

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Blacksmith! What Can You Do?

(A SONG FOR ALL TRADES)

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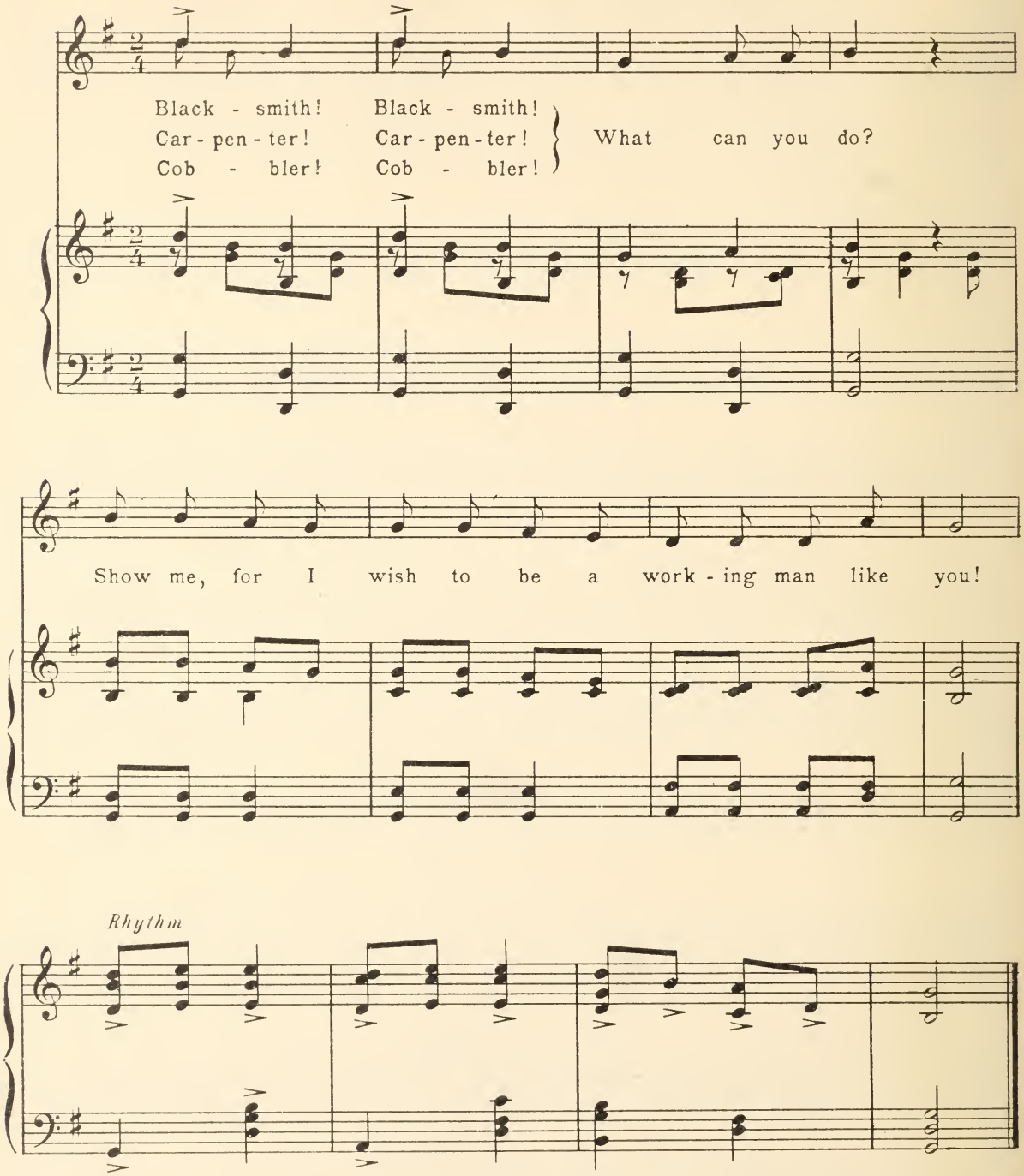

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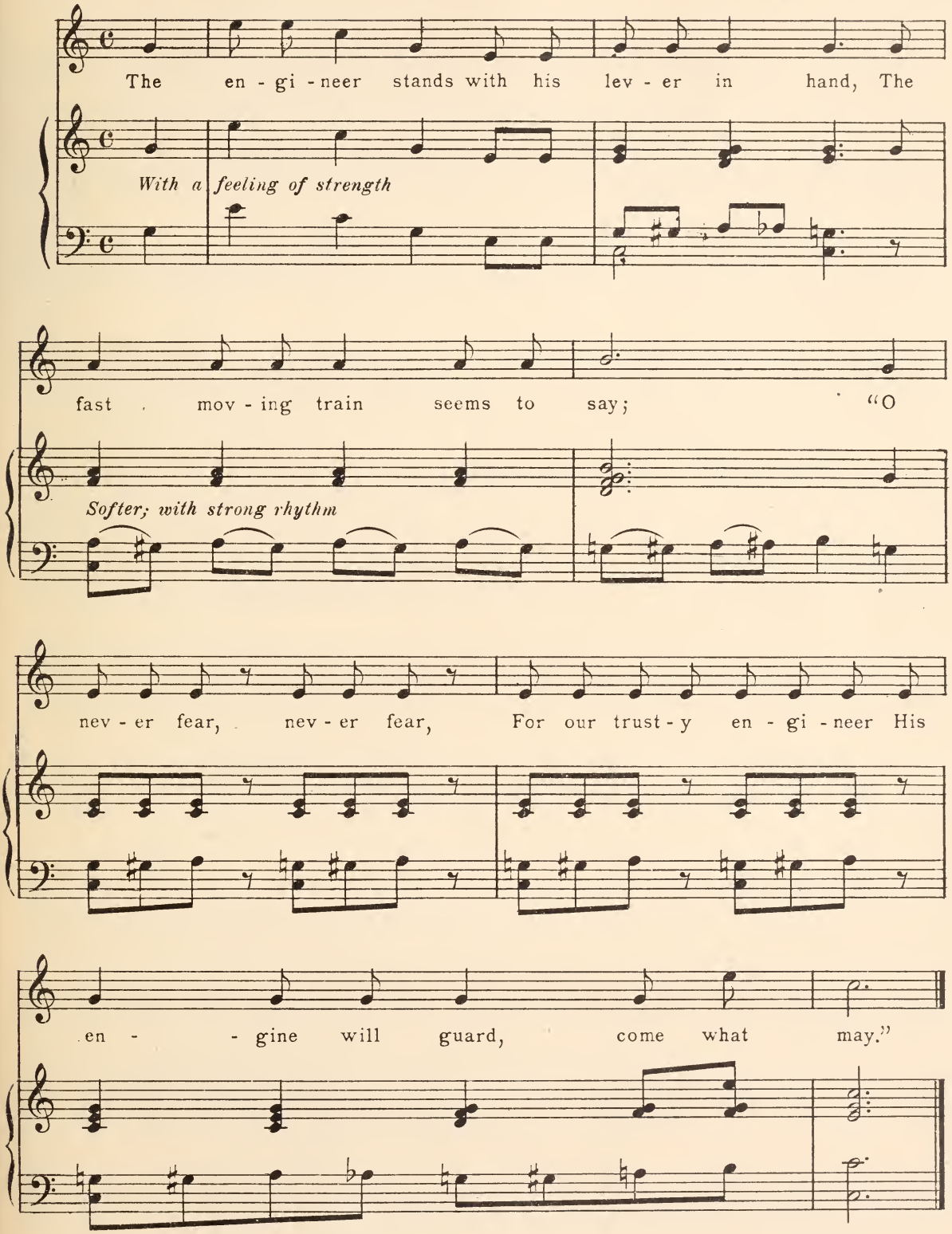
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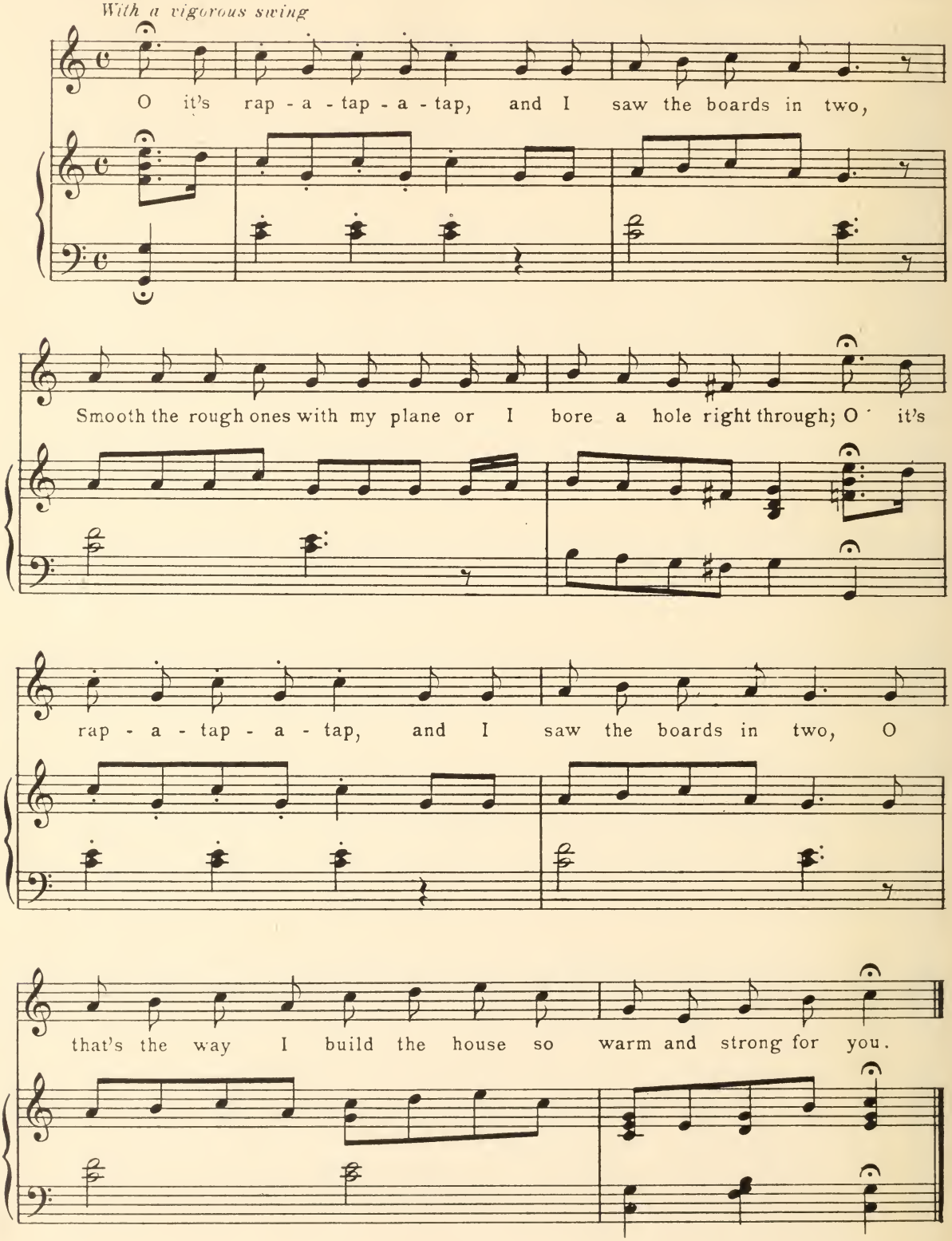
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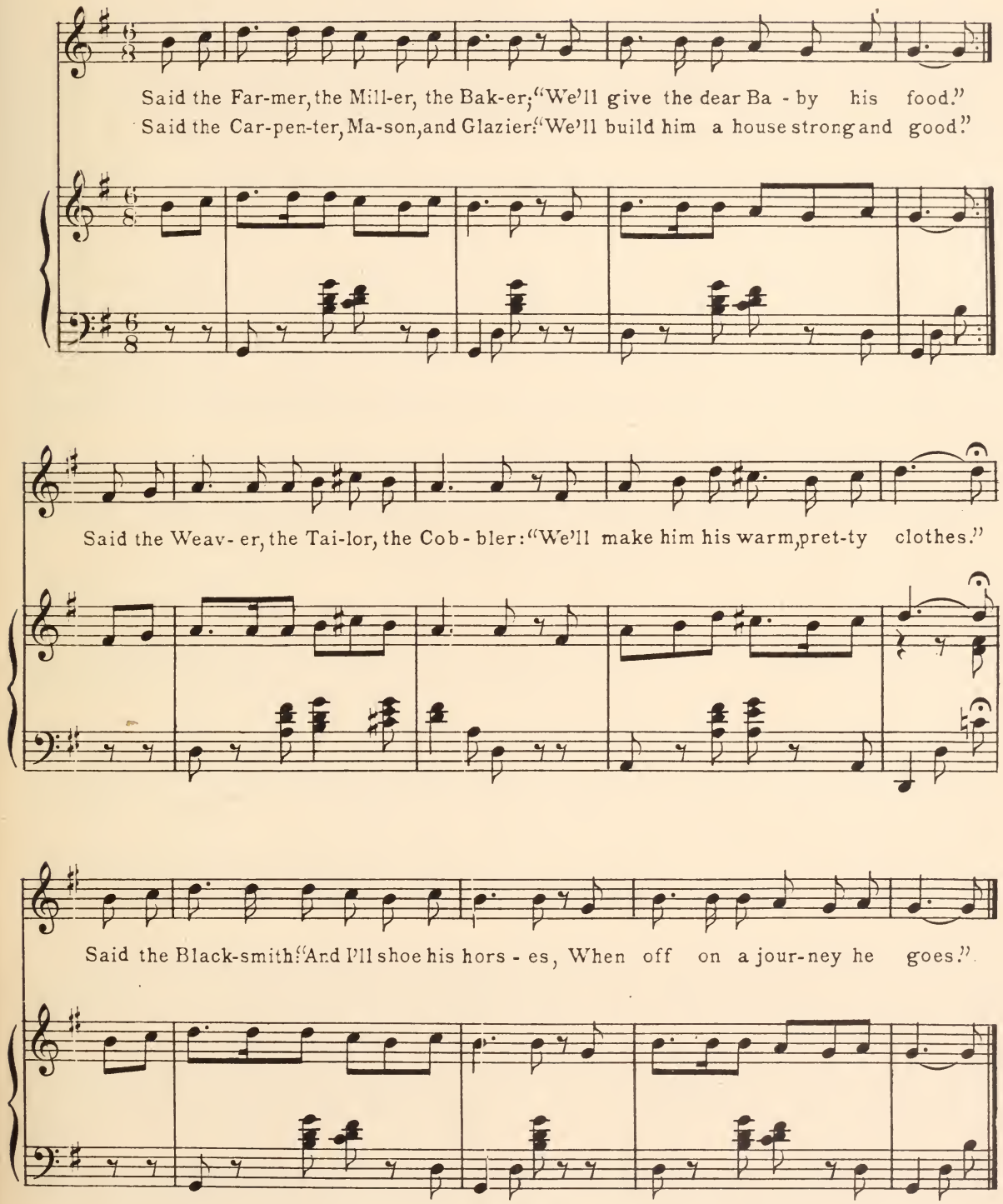

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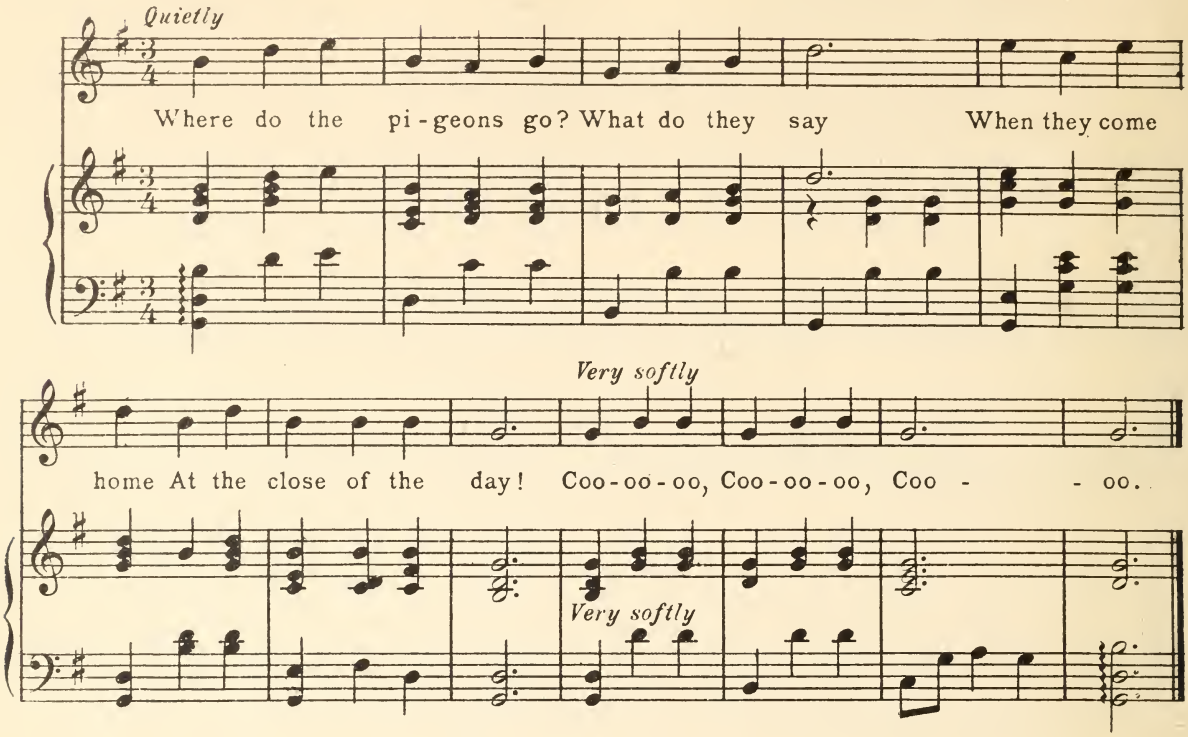

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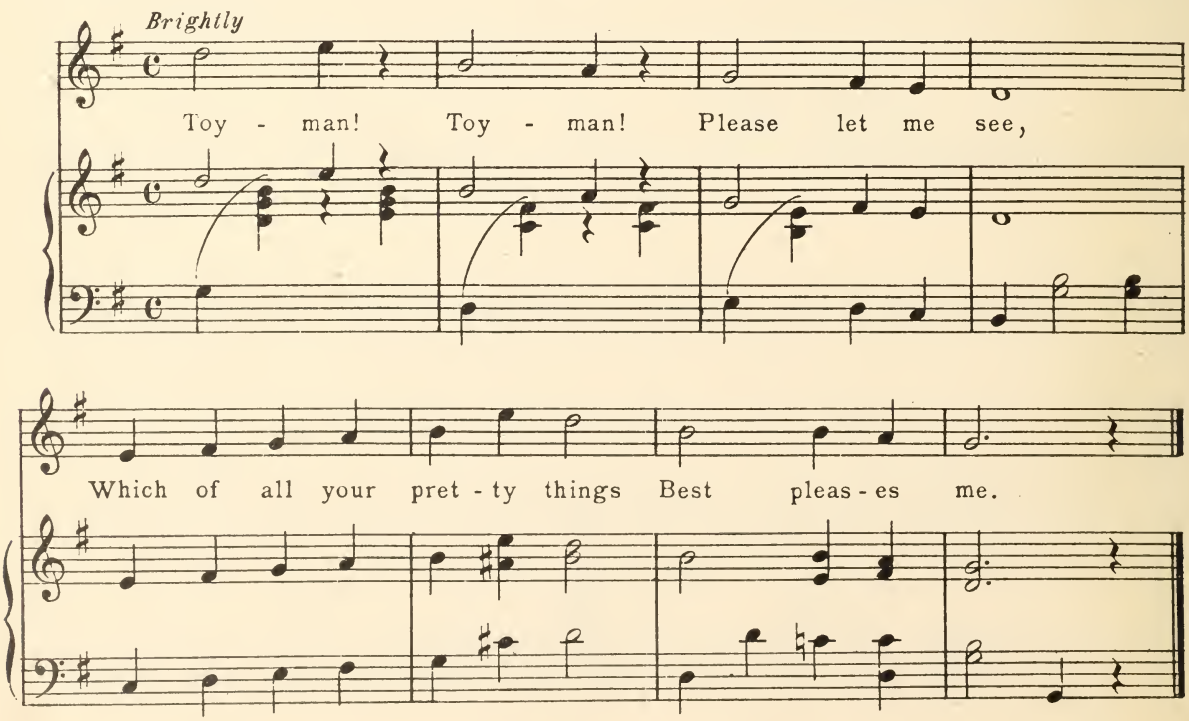
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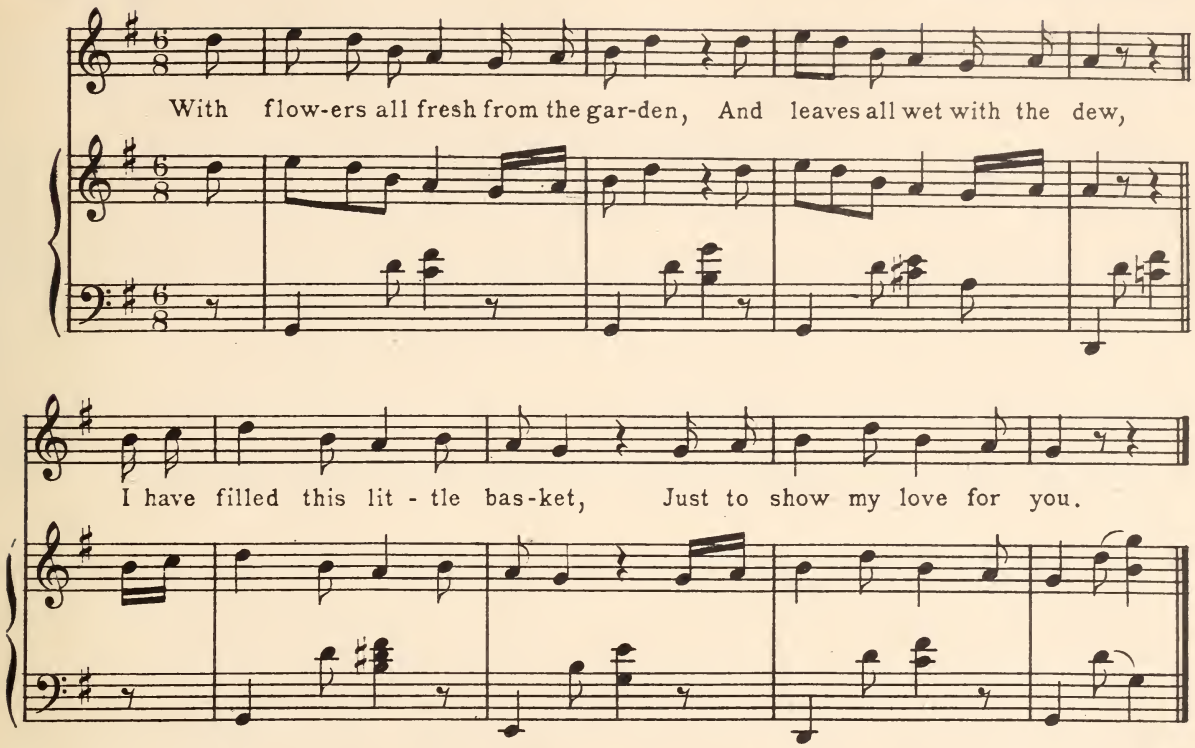

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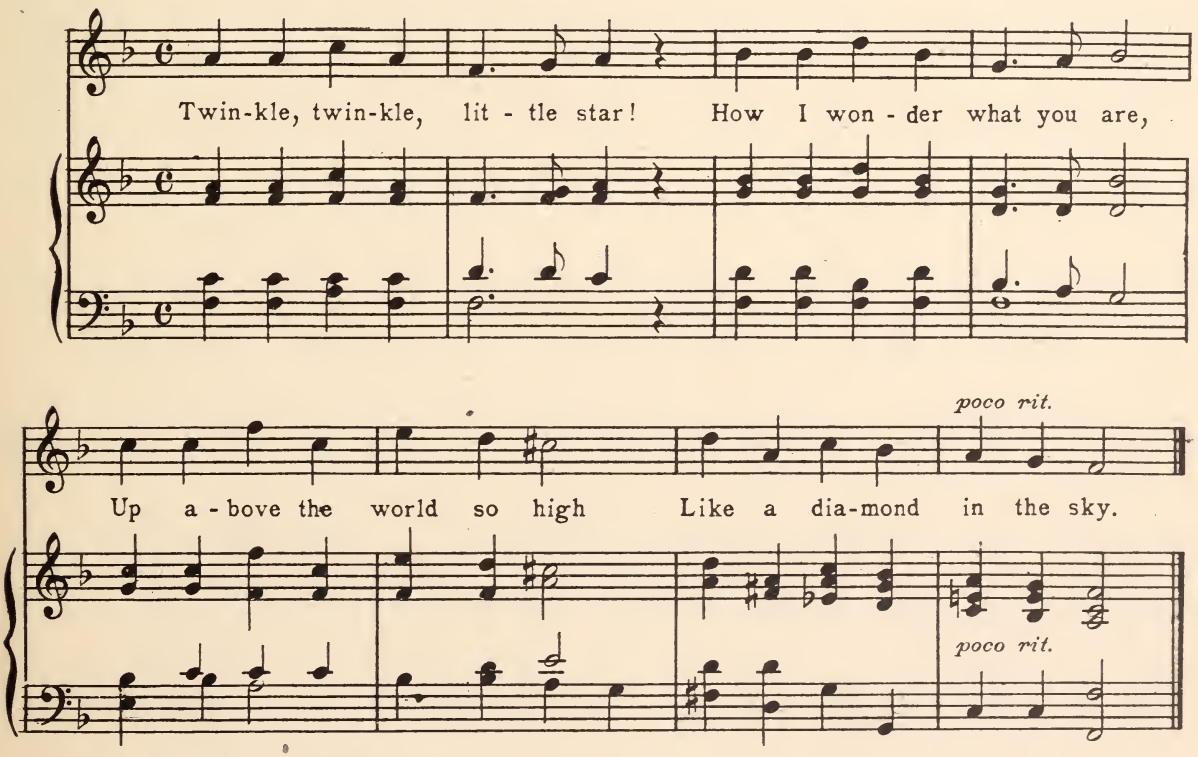

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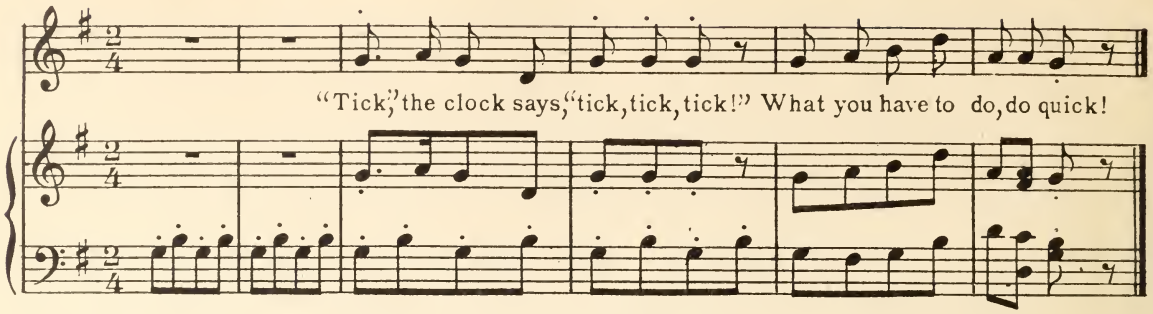

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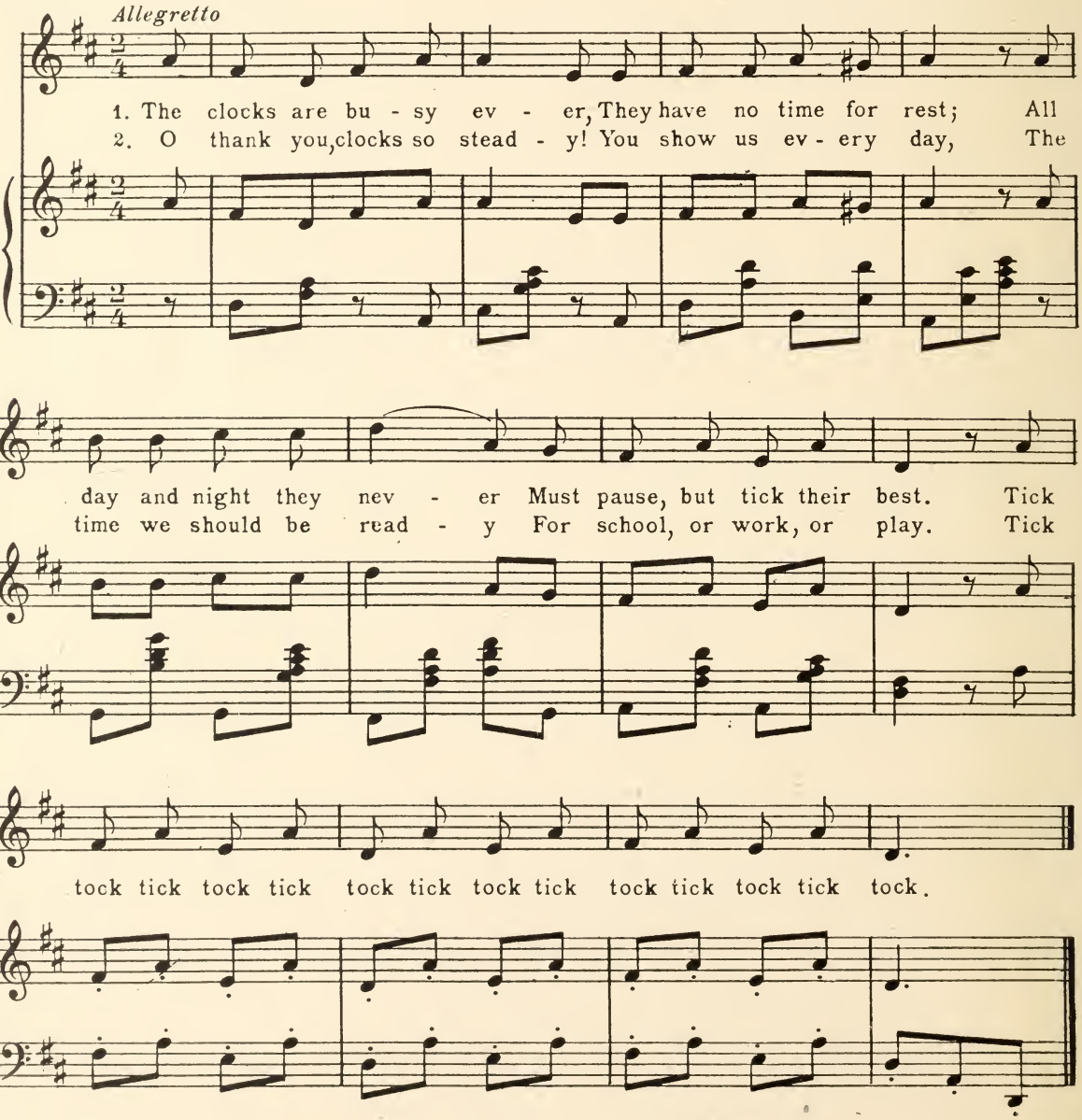

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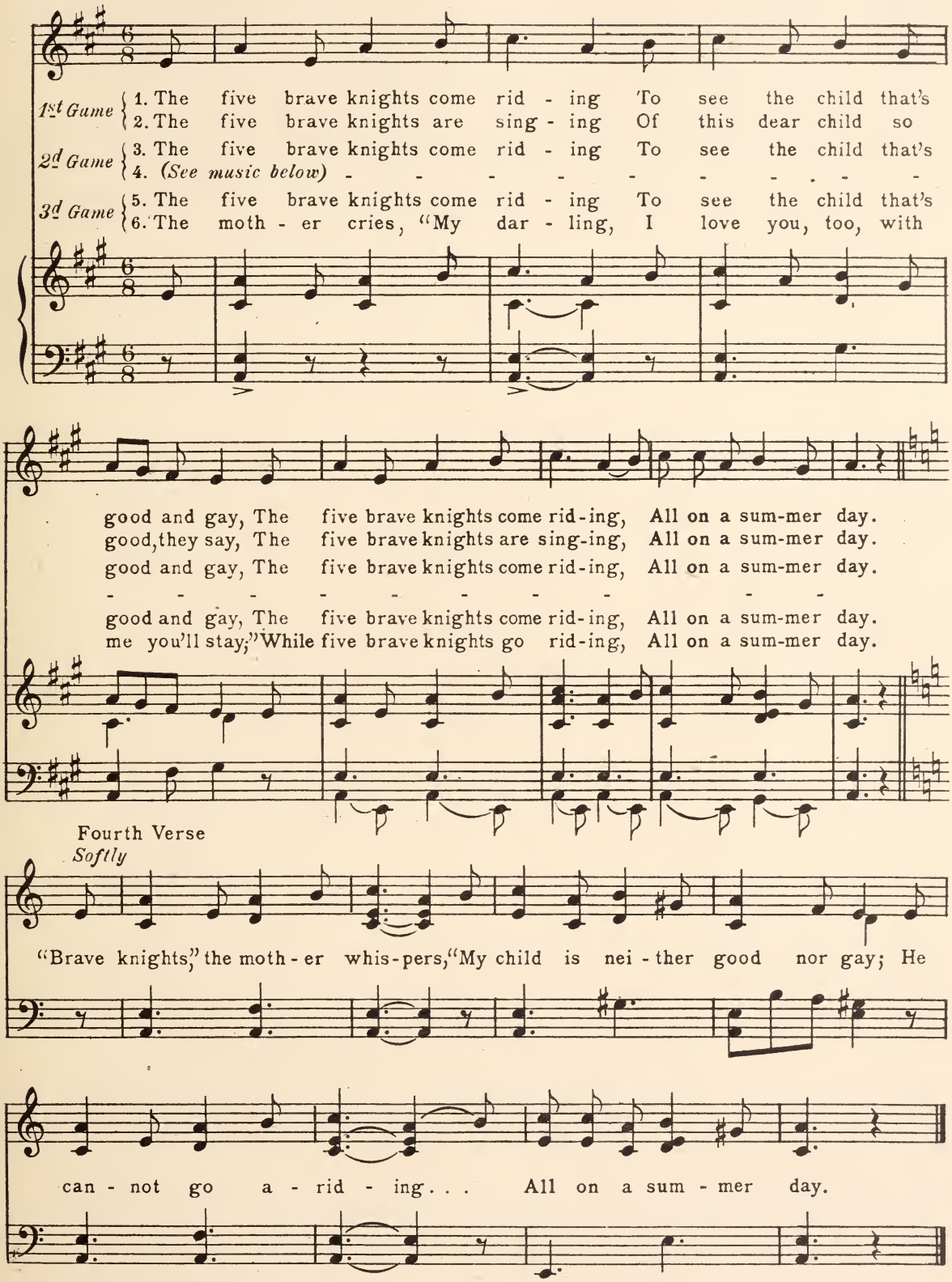

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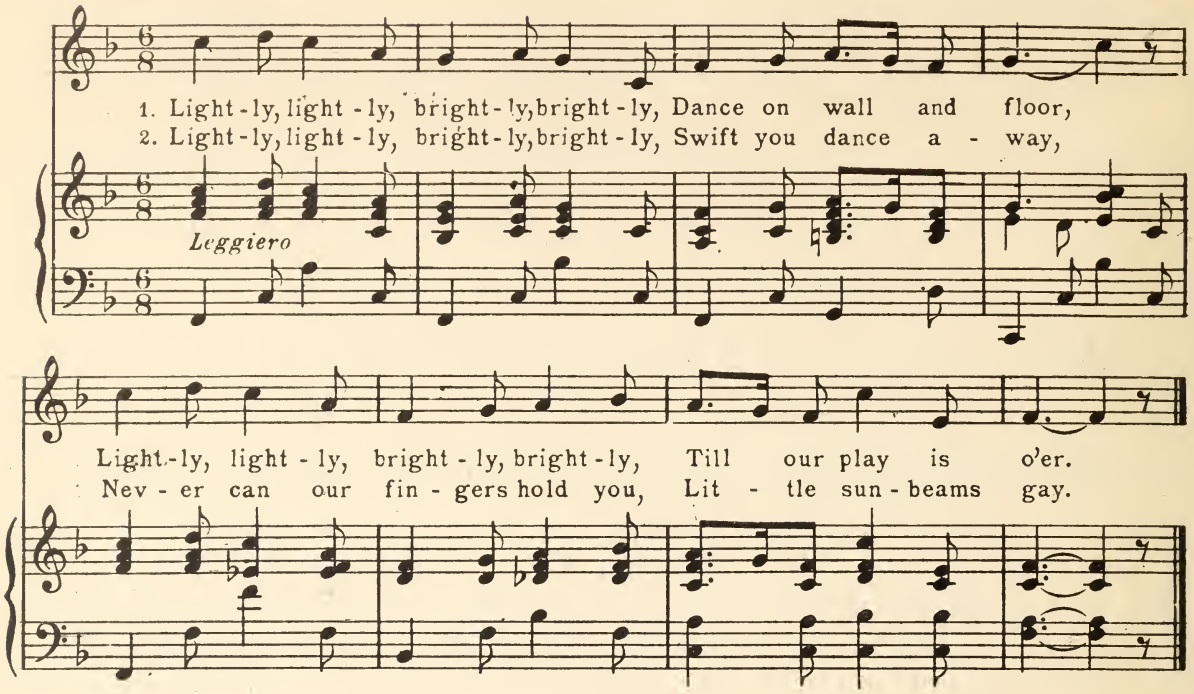
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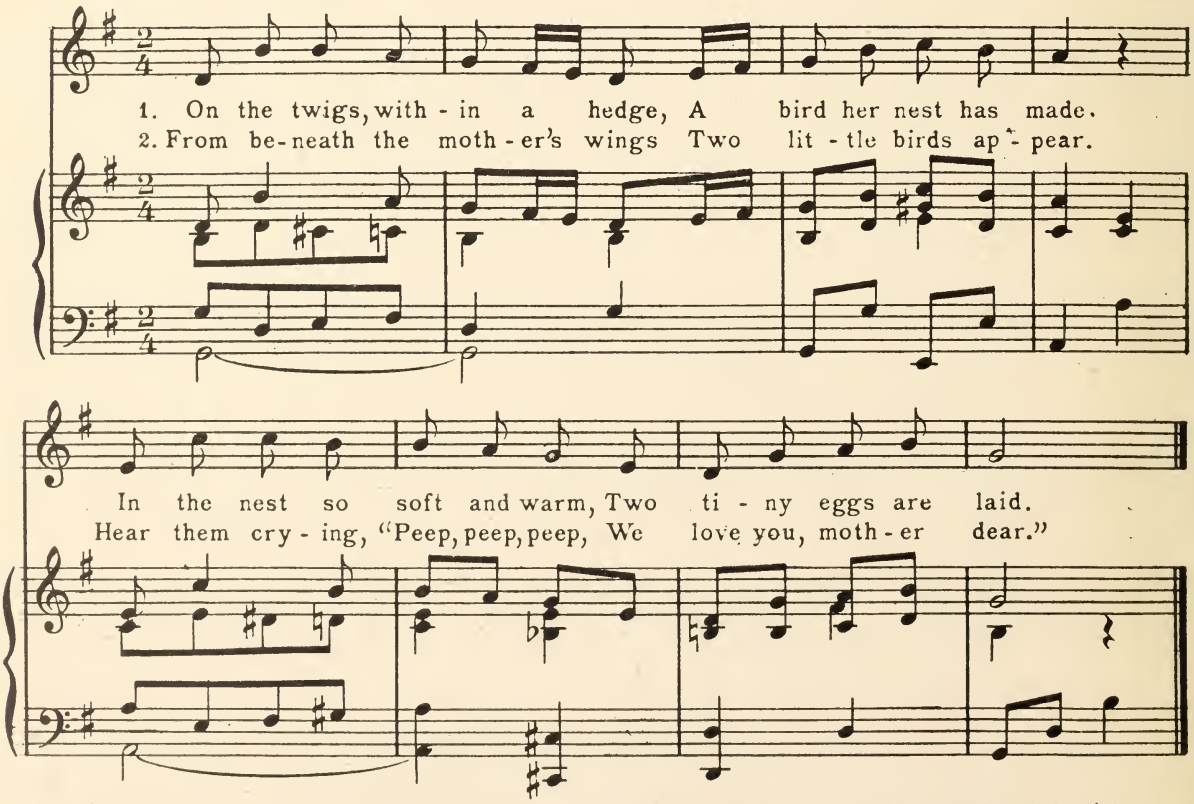
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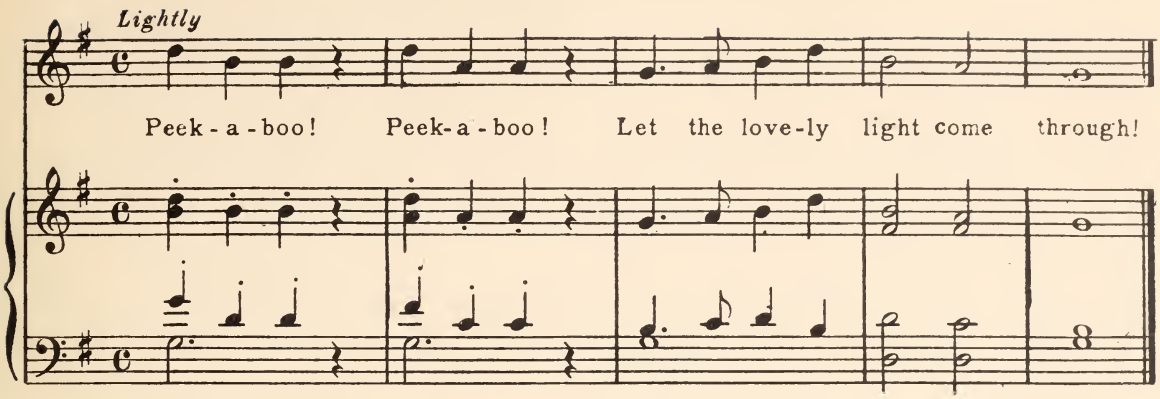
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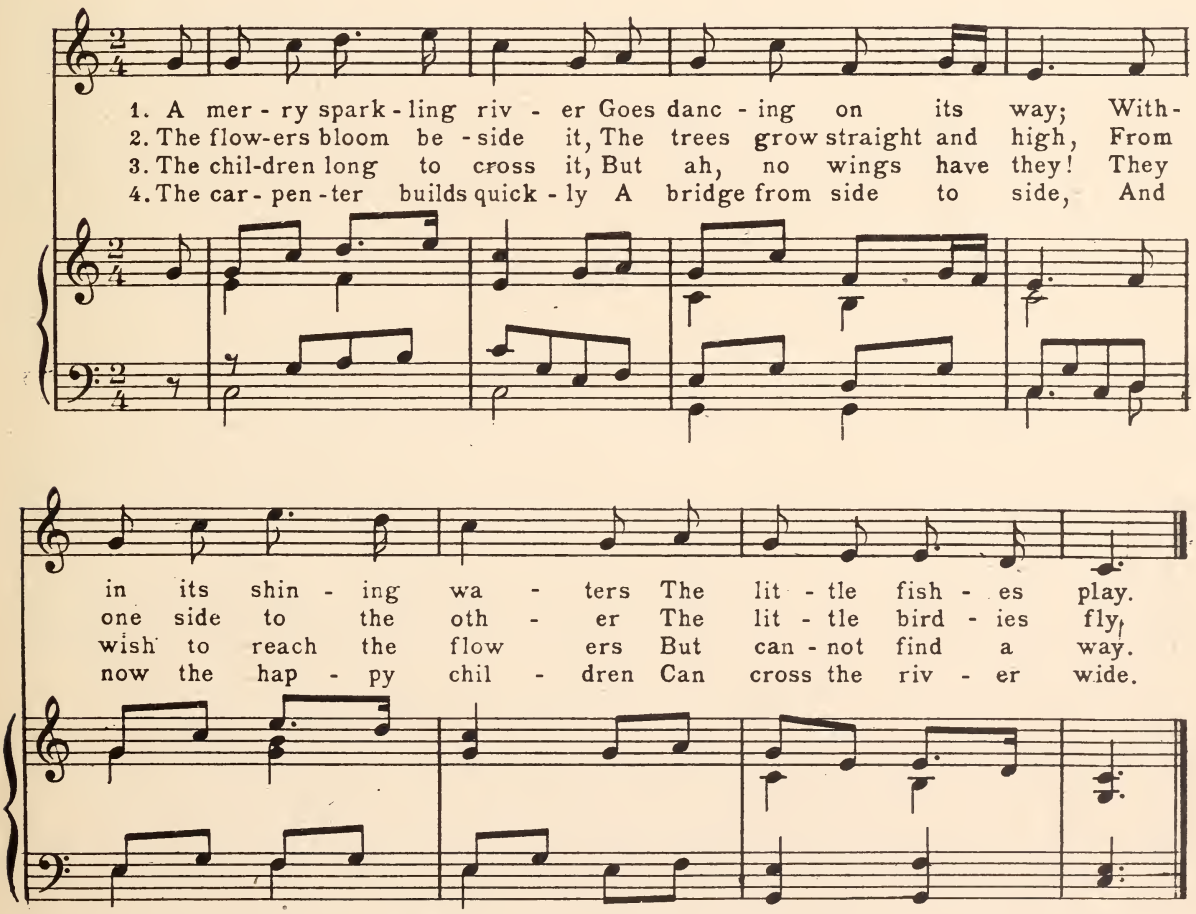
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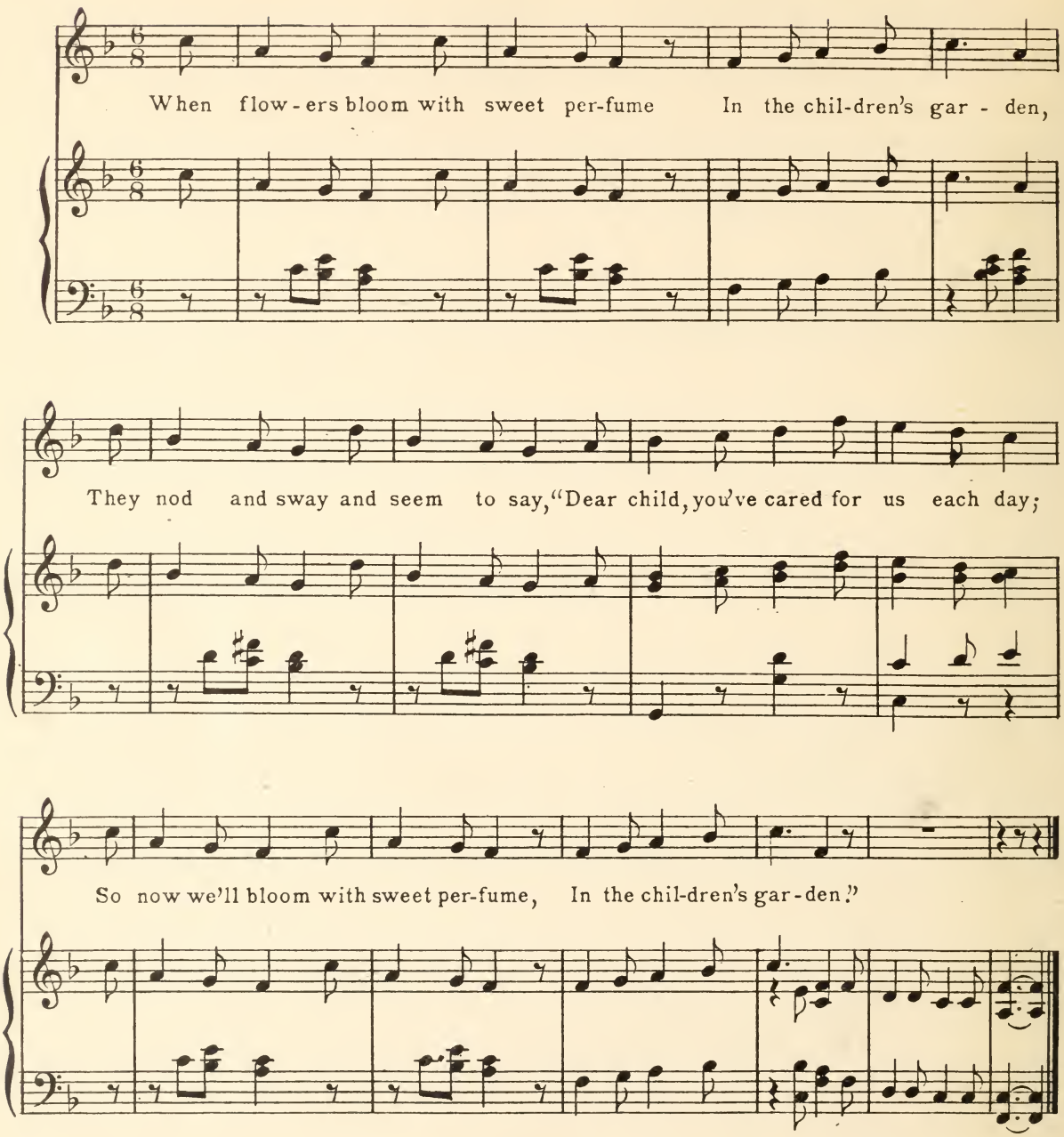

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